

# MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION SPECIALIST, OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATE

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## Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist

San Jacinto College is now offering a Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist Occupational Certificate. This 20-hour certificate prepares students to apply to be a Texas Certified Prevention Specialist (CPS). The curriculum is approved by the Texas Department of Health Services.

This certificate provides students with the knowledge and skills to help prevent drug and alcohol use and abuse within schools, neighborhoods, and greater communities.

Students will learn to identify the stages of addiction, utilize evidenced-based prevention strategies within a cultural context, identify risk and protective factors for substance use disorders, describe resources for prevention planning, and explain program evaluation methods.

The coursework, combined with the capstone experience at a prevention approved training center enables students to work in the area of drug prevention in a variety of settings that include:

- K-12 schools,
- Juvenile justice settings (alternative schools or youth offender programs),
- Local community coalitions, and
- At-risk programs.

Once coursework is completed, students will need to complete 2,000 hours of prevention work experience and must pass a state exam to obtain their license as a Certified Prevention Specialist (CPS).

For more information, students may contact 281-998-6350, x7146 or [mentalhealthservices@sjcd.edu](mailto:mentalhealthservices@sjcd.edu).

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