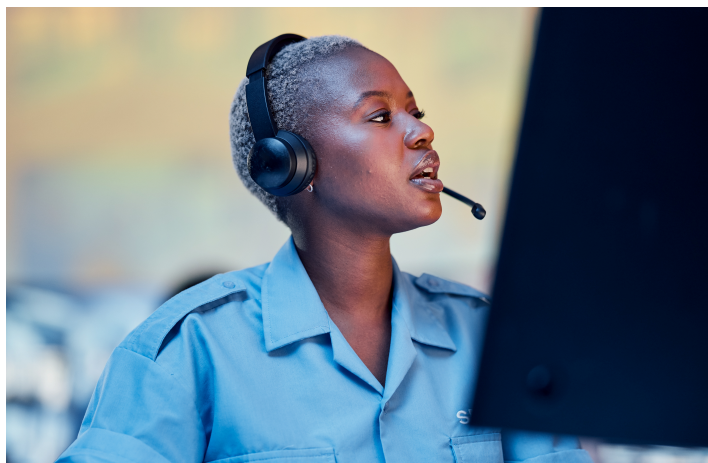


# CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DISPATCH, OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATE



## Program Information

Do you desire to be the one who answers someone's call in an emergency or in need of life-saving care? If so, studying for emergency dispatch at San Jacinto College is an excellent place to begin, as the role of today's public safety telecommunicator is critical to society. Our program prepares you for a meaningful career in emergency communications and management. We offer a degree plan that prepares you for a career in public safety telecommunication—one of the most popular, fascinating, and fastest-growing fields. Choose this path, and you will serve society with a chance to make our communities safer.

The San Jacinto College dispatch program:

- Offers students a career that gives back to their community. When you study dispatch at San Jacinto College, you are supporting safety as you train to serve as an emergency telecommunication professional;
- Prepares students to specialize in studies for their long-term goals that can lead to rewarding careers in social work, law enforcement, emergency management, and
- Is excellent for those individuals who want to pursue a challenging career in the criminal justice profession.

## Additional Information

The Criminal Justice Dispatch Occupational Certificate offers the educational foundation needed in emergency management and dispatch response and is centered around the current practices in the profession.

### Career Opportunities

**Students who earn the Criminal Justice Dispatch certificate can find employment as:**

- Public Safety Telecommunicators
- Communications Officers
- Emergency Management Communicators

## Earning Potential

Public Safety Telecommunicators: \$48,422<sup>1</sup>

Harris County Sheriff's Office Communications Officer: \$44,470<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Source: [texaswages.com](https://texaswages.com), median annual salary Gulf Coast region, 2023

<sup>2</sup> Source: <https://harriscountysos.org/News/Careers>; starting annual salary based on hourly rate of \$21.38/hour

For more information, students may contact North campus at 281-998-6350, x7435 for more information.,

## Campus

North Campus

### Information

Criminal Justice is an interdisciplinary program with enough flexibility to permit students to pursue diverse interests within the system. For example, an Associate of Arts (AA) in Social and Behavioral Sciences or in Criminal Justice allows students interested in social work, probation, parole, law, or law enforcement to have a foundational understanding before transferring to the university for a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree. Students directed toward probation, parole, or corrections work are advised to select courses from the transfer core. Students seeking an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Criminal Justice can earn three certificates on the pathway to that degree. The AAS transfers to a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science (BAAS) degree at many universities.

Students enrolling in San Jacinto College programs with external learning experiences (e.g., internship, externship, cooperative, etc.) will be required to comply with the immunization requirements and policies of the external learning sites to engage in all external learning experiences. Vaccination requirements at external learning sites are implemented pursuant to the independent authority of such facilities and are not mandated by San Jacinto College. Failure to meet the immunization requirements mandated by external learning sites may limit a student's ability to complete the program and/or may delay the student's graduation date. San Jacinto College does not process exemptions, and students should address potential vaccination exemptions directly with the external learning site.

## Plan of Study

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### First Year

First Term		Credits
CJSA 1322	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJSA 1327	Fundamentals of Criminal Law	3
CJSA 1359	Police Systems and Practices	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>9</b>

### Second Term

CJLE 1303	Basic Telecommunication Certification	3
CJLE 1139	Crisis Intervention Training	1
CJSA 2388	Internship - Criminal Justice/Safety Studies	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>7</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>16</b>

Capstone Experience: CJSA 2388 Internship - Criminal Justice/Safety  
Studies