Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Does this class include the certification exam?**
   
   **Answer:** No

2. **What is the national certification process?**
   
   **Answer:** There are several different certifications for the EKG Technician. Each one generally requires the completion of an application, an application fee, and completion of the certification exam. Some require prior work experience before you can take the exam. We recommend that you contact the certification agencies listed below (see Page 2) for more information about certification.

3. **Is this class approved by the ASPT?**
   
   **Answer:** No. However, this class has been planned and designed to meet the content requirements specified by ASPT.

4. **Is a clinical or internship included?**
   
   **Answer:** No.

5. **Is a high school diploma or GED required?**
   
   **Answer:** No, not to take the class. However, some certification agencies, such as the American Certification Agency for Healthcare Professionals require high school graduation or GED, and most healthcare employers require high school graduation or GED.

6. **I have no previous experience in healthcare. Will I be able to successfully complete this class?**
   
   **Answer:** This class is designed for entry level training, and does not require previous experience. However, any healthcare related experience/training will be beneficial. Individuals without experience may need to spend additional time studying.

7. **Is a criminal background check or drug test required?**
   
   **Answer:** No, not for this class. However most healthcare employers require a criminal background check and drug test prior to employment.

8. **If I complete this class, but have no EKG experience, will I be able to get a job?**
   
   **Answer:** Healthcare organizations have various hiring requirements. Your ability to get a job stems from your total presentation of skills, experience, education, and personal characteristics. EKG techs can be hired without certification but may be required to pass a competency exam. CPR certification is recommended to increase employment prospects. As a continuing education student at San Jacinto College, you have access to the college Career and Employment Center, located on each campus.

9. **What is the requirement to successfully complete the class?**
   
   **Answer:** You must successfully complete all coursework, including exams, homework, and quizzes. Attendance in class is critical to successful completion, and any absences must be made-up as instructed by the instructor.
# EKG Technician Certification

## American Society of Phlebotomy Technicians (ASPT)
- 828.294.0078
- [www.aspt.org](http://www.aspt.org)

## American Certification Agency
- 574.277.4538
- [www.acacert.com](http://www.acacert.com)

## National Center for Competency Testing
- 800.875.4404
- [www.ncctinc.com](http://www.ncctinc.com)