

Central Jackson County Fire Protection District

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Thank you for your interest in the upcoming Central Jackson County Fire Protection District Paramedic Program. The program will continue to provide a shift-friendly schedule and will begin on January 6th and 7th, 2021. We are excited to announce a couple of changes to the program. CJC has a long history of providing quality EMS education and we are certain these changes will only enhance our programming.

Instead of holding a separate Anatomy and Physiology pre-course, Anatomy and Physiology is now included in the paramedic program for all students and is geared specifically for prehospital providers. This unit of the course lasts 7 weeks and is included in the paramedic course tuition.

Most people say that they learn better by doing hands-on practice than listening to lectures. Evidence confirms that this is true and CJC is excited to move away from the traditional classroom to deliver a more effective learning environment. The paramedic course will be delivered using a “flipped classroom” model. A flipped classroom is a blended learning model that “flips” the work. The students will prepare for class by reading and listening to the lecture material at home and use class time for hands-on application.

CJCFPD does require each prospective student to take an entrance exam. This entrance exam is comprised of 200 questions that evaluate basic math skills, reading comprehension, anatomy and physiology, EMT knowledge, and personality questions. This will be administered through a validated online program specific for EMTs attending paramedic school. The student will be given two hours to complete the exam and is required to score a minimum of 70% in each category. Should more students than available slots meet these requirements, there will be an interview process.

If you wish to be considered for a seat in the 2021 course, you will need to schedule a time to come to the Education Center to take the Entrance Exam. Please call Trish Welch at 816-229-9118 to schedule the exam, which has a \$30 charge. Dates available 8/17/2020 to 9/2/2020. (No weekend dates open)

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions. We do intend to schedule a Q&A session that can be attended remotely for prospective students and will send that information out soon.

Sincerely,

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