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HOSPITAL CLEANING TRAINING PROGRAM



A job training program is teaching men at the San Diego Central Jail skills in state-of-theart disinfection and healthcare cleaning services.

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The Healthcare Service Assistant Training (HSAT) Program started in October of 2018. Instructors from Grossmont Adult School provide students training on best practices in preventing the spread of contagious diseases, infectious waste, as well as the handling of hazardous waste, protective equipment and chemical waste.

They learn about comprehensive cleaning services that meets all federal, state and environmental health standards such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). While tough on germs, students learn how to prevent cross contamination and medical-grade cleaning that leaves no harmful residue behind.

There are currently eleven participants in the workplace hygiene and sanitation class. 15 people have graduated since the job training program started a year and half ago. They are based at Central Jail, but can be called to respond for a biohazard cleaning to other facilities. Participants say what they're doing is extremely important in preventing the spread of COVID-19 in the facility. They're also looking forward to working alongside healthcare workers upon their return to society.