

Full Time 2025-2026

PROGRAM LENGTH: 2 years (20 months)

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Be a vital member of the health care team! The Advanced Care Paramedic (ACP) program is an approved, two-year diploma program. The program is designed to prepare graduates with entry-level knowledge, skills, and critical thinking to provide safe, competent, compassionate, and professional Advanced Life Support. Graduates will be able to perform the competencies identified in the National Occupational Competency Profile (2011) for Advanced Care Paramedics. Graduates will leave prepared to write the provincial licensure exam and to meet the public and employer expectations for competent, ethical, and professional practice. The theory portion of the program is delivered online and prepares students for the mandatory onsite lab seminars and practicums. The face-to-face components provide the students with instruction and guidance in applying theory to skill development and simulated practice in preparation for the ACP role. There are 10 face-to-face onsite, lab seminars in the first year and four onsite lab seminars in the second year. There are three practicums over the course of the program; intermediate ambulance, hospital, and advanced ambulance. Practicums provide students the opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills learnt to the provision of patient care in the clinical practice-setting while under the supervision of an experienced preceptor. Students are responsible to ensure they are able to attend all mandatory onsite lab seminars and practicum rotations over the course of the two years. Students are responsible for costs related to travel, including accommodations for the onsite sessions and practicums. Students must have reliable, high speed Internet access and a mobile device compatible with the College technology requirements, to effectively participate in the online portions of the program. Students are required to have a mobile tablet device with a minimum nine-inch screen that is compatible with Comptracker Software for competency tracking

Year 1 <https://www.northernlakescollege.ca/public/download/files/50218>

Year 2 <https://www.northernlakescollege.ca/public/download/files/50217>

PROGRAM OF STUDY:

YEAR 1

Term 1

ANPY1000 Anatomy & Physiology (6)
PARA2100 Paramedic Foundations & Care of Trauma Patient (4)
PARA2200 Pharmacology for Paramedics (4)
PARA2300 Advanced Emergency Care for the Medical Patient (4)

Term 2

PARA2400 Advanced Cardiac Care for Paramedics (4)
PARA2500 Advanced Pulmonary Care for Paramedics (4)
PARA2600 Gynecological, Obstetrical & Neonatal Care for Paramedics (3)
RESE1000 Introduction to Research (3)
SOCI1000 An Introduction to the Study of Society (3)

Term 3

PPRA2100 Intermediate Practicum (Ambulance) (8)

YEAR 2

Term 4

PARA3700 Advanced Skills & Special Populations (3)
PPRA3100 Paramedic Practicum (Hospital) (12)
PARA3900 Paramedic Development (1)
PSYC1060 Psychology for the Health Care Professional (3)

Term 5

PPRA3200 Advanced Practice (Ambulance) (14)

PROGRAM DELIVERY: Full-time blended delivery. The program has online theory lectures, lab seminars, clinical placements, and field placements. The program is delivered using distributed learning technologies (Brightspace and Bongo) to support the theory portions of the program. The didactic theory is delivered to students as online synchronous classes using Collaborate. Students will have access to recordings of the synchronous lectures, asynchronous lecture recordings, discussion forums, online quizzes, course learning resources and learning activities through Brightspace.

There are onsite lab seminar weeks throughout the program. Students are required to attend and participate in each onsite week to be successful in the program. During the instructor led onsite lab seminars, students will review, practice and be evaluated on Advanced Care Paramedic skills as learned in the Advanced Care Paramedic Program.

BONGO: To learn more about Bongo and to experience using it, check out this guide:

<https://www.northernlakescollege.ca/public/download/files/220409>

D2L/Brightspace: To learn more about D2L/Brightspace, check out this guide:

<https://www.northernlakescollege.ca/public/download/files/101449>

ACP Year 1 Onsite Dates:

Orientation Onsite and Wilderness Survival course: August 25 – 29, 2025

Onsite #1: September 15 – 19, 2025

Onsite #2: October 14 – 17, 2025

Onsite #3: November 12 – 14, 2025

Onsite #4: December 1 – 5, 2025 (Practical Exams)

December 8 – 12, 2025 (Online Exams)

Onsite #5: January 12 – 16, 2026

Onsite #6: February 2 – 6, 2026

Onsite #7: March 2 – 6, 2026

Onsite #8: March 23 – 26, 2026 (ACLS)

Onsite #9: April 7 – 10, 2026 (Practical Exams)

April 13 – 17, 2026 (Online Exams)

ACP Year 2 Onsite Dates:

Onsite #1: October 1 – 3, 2025

Onsite #2: November 27 – 31, 2025

Onsite #3: March 16 – 20, 2026 (onsite COPR exam prep)

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS:

- PCP Certificate or current PCP registration with the Alberta College of Paramedics.
- Biology 30 (60%) or BIOL0190 (60%) or the equivalent *Credit in ANPY 1000 (64%) may be used to fulfil the Biology entrance requirement.
- English 30-1 (60%) or English 30-2 (70%) or ENGL0190 (60%) or an assessed English equivalency.
- Math 20-1 (50%) or Math 20-2 (60%) or MATH 0190 (60%) or the equivalent.

Students must submit all official post-secondary transcripts upon application

OTHER REQUIREMENTS: Proof of PCP certificate and/or transcript from the training institution. • Copy of current CPR card, current CPR is required for access to the program practicums. • Proof of valid Alberta Class 1, 2 or 4 Driver's License or equivalent. • A Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sector Check obtained within 90 days of providing proof to the program. The presence of an unclear CRC or Vulnerable Sector Check may disqualify a student from accessing a practicum placement required for program completion or from securing employment after graduation. • Immunization Record completed in full, by a qualified health professional, showing immunization status is required for entry into practicum placements. Students who do not meet the immunization requirements for practicum placement are required to sign an Immunization Waiver to acknowledge that the lack of certain immunizations, may impact the student's ability to attend a practicum placement required to complete the program requirements. • Core Computer Skills (word processing, spreadsheets, internet, and email). • Students need to be in good physical, emotional and mental health in order to meet the physical and psychological demands of the role. Students will demonstrate capacity to successfully meet the program standard in functional fitness, as part of the program completion requirements. • Students are required to have a tablet device, with a screen no smaller than 9", compatible with CompTracker competency tracking software. • In addition, students must have reliable, high speed Internet access and a mobile device compatible with the College technology requirements.

Students choosing the Advanced Care Paramedic profession, must be aware of and able to demonstrate and maintain the standards outlined for fitness to practice for the paramedic. These requirements are referred to in the Professional Code of Ethics. This requires students to have adequate mental, spiritual and physical health and wellness. Applicants are encouraged to visit the Alberta College of Paramedics website to review these requirements at <https://abparamedics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Paramedics-Code-of-Ethics.pdf>. The ACP program has elements throughout that support students to maintain fitness to practice requirements.

IF ENGLISH IS A SECOND LANGUAGE: Refer to International Student Information for fluency requirements (information available on website)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: Graduates licensed with the Alberta College of Paramedics, are eligible to work in rural, urban, industrial, and ground or air ambulance emergency services. In addition, graduates are employed in roles within acute care and community care settings.

COST ESTIMATES: NOTE: All fees are subject to change.

	Tuition	LRF	Student Association	Technology	est. TOTAL
Year 1	\$6498.00	\$1320.00	\$580.50	\$516.00	\$8,914.50
Year 2	\$4944.00	---	\$445.50	\$396.00	\$5,785.50

- Other supplies (estimate – not payable to NLC): \$ 100.00(pens, paper, binders, etc.)
- Uniforms & Safety Shoes – estimate: \$400.00 – not included in above costs.
- Students are responsible for expenses for travel to labs and Practicum placements. Required travel to Slave Lake for ten 4-day training sessions; students are responsible for transportation, food and accommodation - estimate of \$6,000. Students may be required to relocate for practicum portion of the program (7 weeks in length)
- Document fee of \$15.00 for transcript to be forwarded to licensing agency.

PROGRAM OFFERING Location: Slave Lake

Program Dates:

YEAR 1 Term 1: September 2 – December 18, 2025

Term 2 January 5 – April 22, 2026

Term 3: May 1 – June 25, 2026

YEAR 2 Term 4: September 2 – December 18, 2025

Term 5: January 5 – April 22, 2026

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- **APPLICATION:** Complete and submit a Northern Lakes College application on the college website at www.northernlakescollege.ca (follow: <https://www.northernlakescollege.ca/apply-now/program-applications>) or through Apply Alberta (APAS).
- **TRANSCRIPTS:** Provide an official high school and/or post-secondary transcript. This must be forwarded directly to Northern Lakes College, Admissions Services, from the granting institution (there may be a charge for this). If the high school attended is in Alberta, the College may be able to obtain marks directly from Alberta Education. When transcripts are received at NLC, they are reviewed to determine if the academic requirements for admission to the program are met.
- **EQUIVALENCY ASSESSMENT:** If the English and Math requirements are not met then an equivalency assessment can be completed. The College uses ACCUPLACER for the English and Math requirement. If testing is required, the applicant will be informed and arrangements must be made for writing the test.
- **FORMS:** A Health Status Form will be required to be submitted on or before first day of class. A Criminal Record Check (completed within last 3 months) and an up-to-date Immunization Record will be required prior to attending practicum. Please note: the existence a Criminal Record may affect practicum placement, program completion and employment prospects.
- **ACCEPTANCE:** Applicants who meet the admission requirements will be accepted and offered a space in the next available offering of the program. In some cases, the spaces at a specific location may be full and accepted applicants will be placed on a waitlist. These applicants will be accepted in the order of 'first qualified, first served'. It may also be possible to transfer to another location if there is space. Applicants will receive a letter informing them of their acceptance status.
- **TUITION & COMMITMENT DEPOSITS:** Accepted applicants in all career programs will be required to complete registration forms within one month of receiving their acceptance letter. This registration includes a \$100.00 (domestic student) or \$5,000.00 (international student) commitment fee deposit. This fee is **non-refundable & non-deferrable** and will be applied towards the terms' tuition. Applicants who do not pay their commitment deposit within 4 weeks of acceptance may forfeit their

seat in the program. A Tuition Deposit is required for domestic students in an oversubscribed program, this includes our Advanced Care Paramedic program. This non-refundable fee is due May 1 and is \$300.00. Again, once the term has begun this deposit fee will be applied towards the students' tuition.

- **FUNDING:** Applicants are encouraged to check on funding options early (minimum of 2 – 3 months prior to program start date) and are responsible for forwarding any sponsorship letters to Admissions as soon as possible. Counselors can assist with identifying funding options and applying for sponsorship of fees and living costs. Specific awards related to this program include: CCEC partnership Bursary, Roland Gladue Memorial Scholarship, TransCanada Partnership Award. Please visit the NLC website scholarships and awards page to learn more.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

For any assistance, questions or concerns, the following college staff is available:

Program Coordinator: Fred Light 1-780-843-8327

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Questions about program content, employment opportunities for the program.

Program Administrator: Crystal Gardener 1-780-849-8673

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Other Inquiries: Admissions Services 1-866-652-3456

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Including general inquiries about College services & programs; student housing, library, facilities