

Full Time 2023-2024

PROGRAM LENGTH: 12 months

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Emergency Medical Services is a dynamic industry that offers an exciting and rewarding career for individuals looking to make a positive impact in other people's lives. The Primary Care Paramedic (PCP) Program is a full-time program with independent study, online lectures, and face-to-face on-site sessions. Students will gain hands-on experience through labs and scenario-based training. Students will develop critical-thinking skills that will allow them to develop an appropriate differential diagnosis and treatment pathway for their patients. Communications, personal wellness, safety, and professionalism are stressed throughout the program. The program has a flexible schedule that allows students the freedom and flexibility to remain employed in their home communities while increasing their skills and knowledge. This program is accredited by the Accreditation Canada ensuring graduates are skilled in all competencies relevant to the National Occupational Competency Profile. The theory portion of the program is delivered over approximately 34 weeks and is followed by a hospital practicum and an ambulance practicum. Students are responsible for costs related to travel and accommodations for the on-site sessions and practicum. Students are required to have an Apple iPad to complete the program.

PROGRAM OF STUDY:

TERM 1

ANPY1000 - Anatomy & Physiology
PCPF1000 – Primary Care Paramedic Foundations
ENGL1000 – Introduction to English Language & Literature

TERM 2

PCPF1200 – Primary Care Paramedic Foundations II
HEED1010 – Health Education: Personal Health & Wellness
PHRM1000 – An Introduction to Pharmacology
PATH1000 - Pathophysiology

TERM 3

PCPP1001 – Primary Care Paramedic Practicum II (2)

TERM 4

PCPP1002 – Primary Care Paramedic Practicum II (5)

PROGRAM DELIVERY: This program is delivered using a blended delivery that uses a combination of: face-to-face and distance learning activities (the delivery method allows students to pursue their educational goals in selected communities). Students must attend approximately 10, 5-day face-to-face seminars and labs which are scheduled throughout the program. Students must also complete the midterm and final exams at a Northern Lakes College campus.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: Applicants must be 18 years of age and have credits in the following courses, or their equivalent:

- Biology 30 (60%) or ANPY 1000 (50%) or ANPY 0190 (60%) or Biology 0190 (60%) or assessed Biology equivalency (ACCUPLACER);
- English 30-1 - 60%, or English 30-2 - 70%, or English 0190 (60%) or an assessed English equivalency (ACCUPLACER);
- Credit in Math 20-1 - 50%, or Math 20-2 - 60%, or Math 0190 (60%). or assessed Math equivalency (ACCUPLACER);
- Students must submit all official post-secondary transcripts upon application;
- If English is a second language, refer to International Student Information for fluency requirements. Applicants may be required to hold an interview with a Program Coordinator.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS (upon entry into the program):

- A Police Information Check, completed within the last 3 months will be required during the first term of the program. The existence of a criminal record may affect practicum placement, program completion and employment prospects.
- Proof of valid Alberta Class 5 Driver's License or equivalent.
- Students must provide an updated immunization record prior to practicum placement.
- Students must submit a completed character reference form prior to beginning any clinical practicum. Forms can be obtained from the program administration office. NOTE: Alberta College of Paramedics (ACP) requires a character reference check from all registration exam applicants.
- NOTE: The student will need to sign a waiver indicating they are aware that the presence of a criminal record or lack of an immunization record may impede their ability to complete the program, write the ACP registration exam, become registered as a Primary Care Paramedic, or to secure employment.
- Students require an Apple IPAD to complete the program

COST ESTIMATES: **Note: All fees are subject to change.**

Tuition	\$5,682.00
Learning Resource Fee	\$1,100.00
Student Association Fee	\$ 437.00
Technology Fee	\$ 520.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS:	\$7,739.00

OTHER COSTS: Uniforms & Safety Shoes – estimate \$400.00 – not included in above costs. Other costs: \$6,000.00 - Estimate for travel required for ten 5-day lab training sessions (transportation, food, accommodations). Students may be required to relocate for practicum portion of the program (7 weeks in length – costs varies).

PROGRAM OFFERINGS: Slave Lake

Offering Dates:

Term 1: September 5 – December 15, 2023
 Term 2: January 4 – April 25, 2024
 Term 3: May 1 – June 25, 2024
 Term 4: July 2 – August 28, 2024

ORIENTATION: September 5 – 8, 2023

Onsite #1 September 25 – 29, Onsite #2 October 23 – 27, Onsite #3 November 20 – 24, Onsite #4 December 11 - 15 (Finals), Onsite #5 January 22 – 26, Onsite #6 February 12 – 16, Onsite #7 March 11 – 15, Onsite #8 April 2 – 5, Onsite #9 April 15 - 19 (Finals), Onsite #10 May 6 - 10

This program has limited seats, so applicants are admitted to the program based on a first-qualified, first-accepted basis. Applicants are encouraged to apply early. Registration deadline is June 30.

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). 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.
- **REGISTRATION AND COMMITMENT FEE:** 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 (full-time) commitment/tuition fee deposit. This fee is non-refundable.
- **FUNDING:** Applicants are encouraged to check on funding options early (minimum of two 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.

- **ORIENTATION:** Before the start date of the program, accepted applicants will receive information about orientation dates, times, locations and other information to assist them in planning. Students must attend orientation at one of the specified dates and locations.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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

Program Coordinators: Fred Light 1-780-849-8600

email: lightf@northernlakescollege.ca

Questions about program content, employment opportunities for the Program.

Other Inquires:

Admissions Services 1-866-652-3456

email: admissions@northernlakescollege.ca

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