

**Full Time 2025 - 2026**

**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. Make a difference in someone's life--apply today!

**PROGRAM OF STUDY**

**Offering 1 - Slave Lake - September 2, 2025 to August 21, 2026**

Term 1	ANPY1000	Anatomy & Physiology: Essentials of Human Anatomy and Physiology (6)
	ENGL1000	Introduction to English Language and Literature (3)
	PCPF1000	Primary Care Paramedic Foundations (7)
Term 2	PATH1000	Pathophysiology (3)
	PHRM1000	Pharmacology: An Introduction to Pharmacology (3)
	HEED1010	Health Education: Personal Health and Wellness (3)
	PCPF1200	Primary Care Paramedic Foundations II (6)
Term 3	PCPP1001	Primary Care Paramedic Practicum I (2)
Term 4	PCPP1002	Primary Care Paramedic Practicum II (5)

**Offering 2 - Slave Lake - January 5, 2026 to December 18, 2026**

Term 1	ANPY1000	Anatomy & Physiology: Essentials of Human Anatomy and Physiology (6)
	ENGL1000	Introduction to English Language and Literature (3)
	PCPF1000	Primary Care Paramedic Foundations (7)
Term 2	PATH1000	Pathophysiology (3)
	PCPF1200	Primary Care Paramedic Foundations II (6)
Term 3	PHRM1000	Pharmacology: An Introduction to Pharmacology (3)
Term 4	HEED1010	Health Education: Personal Health and Wellness (3)
	PCPP1001	Primary Care Paramedic Practicum I (2)
	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 program has classroom sessions, labs, clinical placements, and field placements. The program is delivered using a variety of distributed learning technologies (Brightspace and Collaborate) to support the theory portions of the program. Students will attend online synchronous classes using Collaborate. Students will have access to recordings of the synchronous lectures, asynchronous lecture recordings, discussion forums, online quizzes, course resources and learning activities through Brightspace. This delivery method allows students to pursue their educational goals in selected communities; however, students must attend approximately 11, 5 day face-to-face seminars and labs which are scheduled throughout the program. Students are required to attend and participate in each lab seminar onsite week to be successful in the program. During the instructor led onsite lab seminars, students will review, practice and be evaluated on PCP skills as learned in the PCP program. Students must also complete the midterm and final exams at the Northern Lakes College Slave Lake campus.

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>

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

- Biology 30 (60%) or Bio 0190(60%) or an assessed Biology equivalency.
- English 30-1 or equivalent (60%) or English 30-2 or equivalent (70%) or ENGL 0190 (60%) or an assessed English equivalency.
- Math 20-1 or equivalent (50%) or Math 20-2 or equivalent (60%) or MATH 0190 (60%) an assessed Math equivalency.
- Students must submit all official post-secondary transcripts upon application.

**OTHER REQUIREMENTS** (upon entry into the program):

- Must be at least 18 years of age (for full-time status).
- Proof of valid Alberta Class 5 Driver's License or equivalent.
- Current BLS/CPR certification is required for access to the program practicums (a BLS/CPR course is offered during the program).
- A clear Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sector Check. The presence of an unclear CRC or Vulnerable Sector Check may disqualify a student from accessing practicum placements required for program completion or from securing employment after graduation.
- Immunization Record completed in full, by a qualified health professional, showing immunization status 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, slide shows, internet, email, etc.).
- Students are required to have a mobile tablet device, with a screen no smaller than 9", compatible with CompTracker competency tracking software.
- Students must have reliable, high-speed Internet access and a computer device compatible with the College technology requirements.

**WORK EXPERIENCE:** PCP Practicum I provides a minimum of 60 hours of practical experience in a hospital emergency room, and is completed under the supervision of an experienced Nurse. PCP Practicum II provides a minimum of five, 48-hour tours (240 hrs) working on an ambulance under the supervision of an experienced Primary Care Paramedic or Advanced Care Paramedic. Practicums are competency based and students will not be deemed successful until all hours and competencies have been completed. Student clinical placements will be secured by program staff through HSPnet and program placement processes; in accordance with existing Student Placement Agreements. Students will not have a role in securing their own placements. The program attempts to provide the most suitable placement for students, considering multiple factors. Students may only decline a practicum placement for medical reasons or extenuating circumstances (these will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis). If a student declines a practicum placement (or a second practicum placement in the case mentioned previously), this will be considered a program withdrawal.

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

September 2025	Tuition	LRF	Student Association	Technology	est. TOTAL
Term 1	\$2524.00	\$760.00	\$216.00	\$192.00	\$3,692.00
Term 2	\$2364.00	\$220.00	\$202.50	\$180.00	\$2,966.50
Term 3	\$320.00	\$60.00	\$27.00	\$24.00	\$431.00
Term 4	\$800.00	\$60.00	\$67.50	\$60.00	\$987.50
					<b>\$8,077.00</b>

January 2026	Tuition	LRF	Student Association	Technology	est. TOTAL
Term 1	\$2524.00	\$760.00	\$216.00	\$192.00	\$3,692.00
Term 2	\$1440.00	\$220.00	\$202.50	\$180.00	\$2,377.50
Term 3	\$480.00	-	\$40.50	\$36.00	\$556.50
Term 4	\$1564.00	\$120.00	\$135.00	\$120.00	\$1,939.00
					<b>\$8,077.00</b>

**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

#### **ORIENTATION:**

##### September 2025

Orientation: August 27 – 30, 2025  
Onsite #1 September 22 – 26, 2025  
Onsite #2 October 20 – 24, 2025  
Onsite #3 November 17 – 21, 2025  
Onsite #4 December 8 – 12, 2025 (Finals)  
Onsite #5 January 19 – 23, 2026  
Onsite #6 February 9 – 13, 2026  
Onsite #7 March 9 – 13, 2026  
Onsite #8 March 30 - April 2, 2026  
Onsite #9 April 13 – 17, 2026 (Finals)  
Onsite #10 May 4 – 8, 2026

##### January 2025

Orientation: December 15 – 19, 2025  
Onsite #1 January 26 – 30, 2026  
Onsite #2 February 23 – 27, 2026  
Onsite #3 March 16 – 20, 2026  
Onsite #4 April 13 – 17, 2026 (Finals)  
Onsite #5 May 11 – 15, 2026  
Onsite #6 June 1 – 5, 2026  
Onsite #7 June 22 – 26, 2026  
Onsite #8 August 4 – 7, 2026  
Onsite #9 August 17- 21, 2026 (Finals)  
Onsite #10 August 31- September 4, 2026

#### **Offering Dates**

Term 1: September 2 – December 18, 2025  
Term 2: January 2 – April 22, 2026  
Term 3: May 1 – June 25, 2026  
Term 4: July 2 – August 21, 2026

#### **APPLICATION PROCESS:**

- **APPLICATION:** Complete and submit a Northern Lakes College application on the college website at [www.northernlakescollege.ca](http://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 (domestic student) or \$300.00 (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 students in an oversubscribed program, this includes our Primary Care Paramedic program. This non-refundable fee is due May 1 and is \$300.00 for domestic students and \$900.00 for international students. 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 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 Coordinator:** **Fred Light 1-780-843-8327**  
email: [lightf@northernlakescollege.ca](mailto:lightf@northernlakescollege.ca)  
Questions about program content, employment opportunities for the Program.

**Program Administrator:** **Crystal Gardener 1-780-849-8673**  
email: [gardenerc@northernlakescollege.ca](mailto:gardenerc@northernlakescollege.ca)

**Other Inquires:** **Admissions Services 1-866-652-3456**  
email: [admissions@northernlakescollege.ca](mailto:admissions@northernlakescollege.ca)  
Including General inquiries about College services & programs student housing, library, facilities