

Full Time 2024 - 2025

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, LOCATIONS, DATES:

Offering 1 - Slave Lake and Stettler - September 3, 2024 to August 22, 2025

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

Offering 2 - Slave Lake - January 6, 2025 to December 12, 2025

Term 1	ANPY1000 ENGL1000 PCPF1000	Anatomy & Physiology: Essentials of Human Anatomy and Physiology (6) Introduction to English Language and Literature (3) Primary Care Paramedic Foundations (7)
Term 2	PATH1000 PCPF1200	Pathophysiology (3) Primary Care Paramedic Foundations II (6)
Term 3	PHRM1000	Pharmacology: An Introduction to Pharmacology (3)
Term 4	HEED1010 PCPP1001 PCPP1002	Health Education: Personal Health and Wellness (3) Primary Care Paramedic Practicum I (2) 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 ANPY 1000 (50%) or ANPY 0190 (60%) or Biology 0190 (60%) or assessed Biology equivalency (ACCUPLACER);
- Credit in 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: 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.
- 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 giving consideration to 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.

Tuition	\$5,862.00
Learning Resource Fee	\$1,100.00
Student Association Fee	\$ 475.00
Technology Fee	\$ 456.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS:	\$7,893.00

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: Stettler

ORIENTATION:

September 2024 Cohort (Slave Lake)

Orientation: August 28 - 30 (in Slave Lake)
Onsite #1 September 23 - 27
Onsite #2 October 21 - 25
Onsite #3 November 18 - 22
Onsite #4 December 9 - 13 (Finals)
Onsite #5 January 20 - 24
Onsite #6 February 10 - 14
Onsite #7 March 10 - 14
Onsite #8 March 31 - April 4
Onsite #9 April 14 - 17 (Finals)
Onsite #10 May 5 - 9

September 2024 Cohort (Stettler)

Orientation: August 28 - 30 (in Stettler)
Onsite #1 September 30 - October 4
Onsite #2 October 28 - November 1
Onsite #3 November 25 - 29
Onsite #4 December 16 - 20 (Finals)
Onsite #5 January 27 - 31
Onsite #6 February 18 - 21
Onsite #7 March 17 - 21
Onsite #8 April 7 - 11
Onsite #9 April 14 - 17 (Finals)
Onsite #10 May 5 - 9 (in Slave Lake)

Offering Dates

Term 1: September 3 – December 12, 2024
Term 2: January 6 – April 17, 2025
Term 3: May 1 – June 25, 2025
Term 4: July 2 – August 22, 2025

Application Deadline

August 2, 2024
December 6, 2024

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 (domestic student) or \$300.00 (international student) commitment fee deposit. This fee is non-refundable 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
Questions about program content, employment opportunities for the Program.

Program Administrator: **Crystal Gardener 1-780-849-8673**
email: gardenerc@northernlakescollege.ca

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