

Full Time — 2021/2022

PROGRAM LENGTH: 4 months

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: This program is designed to meet the licensing exam prerequisite requirements of the Alberta College of Paramedics for Primary Care Paramedic graduates that have completed a Canadian Medical Association (CMA) or Accreditation Canada (AC) accredited certificate program. This stand-alone program is being offered to PCP graduates who did not participate in Alberta College of Paramedics licensing evaluation process within 12 months from the date the PCP certificate or academic transcript was issued, were unsuccessful in ACP licensing process or whose PCP license has expired. The PCP upgrading program is also open for enrollment to out of province candidates that have completed a CMA or AC accredited program or those who have had an upgrading program completion identified as a requirement by the Alberta College of Paramedics Substantial Equivalency Review process. The PCP Refresher course consists of twelve (12) weeks online access to PCP upgrading online resources with required online participation, during this time learners will review treatment guidelines, protocols, skill checklists and quizzes with instructor facilitation. In addition, students will access pre-read material for PCP skill upgrades. Upon completion of the online portion, learners will be required to attend NLC's five days of face-to-face classroom sessions with scenario and skills practice. During the instructor led onsite days, students will review, practice, upgrade and be evaluated on PCP skills as learned in the ACP Program.

PROGRAM OF STUDY:

PCPP1000	Primary Care Paramedic Upgrading Practicum (3 credits)
PCPU1100	Primary Care Paramedic Upgrading – Foundations I (6 credits)
PCPU1200	Primary Care Paramedic Upgrading – Foundations II (6 credits)

PROGRAM DELIVERY: This program is offered using a blended, distance delivery model. The course is online, supported by computer-based lectures, face-to-face lab seminars, and a clinical practicum. To learn more about Collaborate and to experience using it, check out this guide: <https://www.northernlakescollege.ca/Documents/Collaborate-Guide-for-Students-at-NLC.pdf>. To learn more about Moodle and to experience using it, check out this guide: <https://www.northernlakescollege.ca/Documents/Moodle-Guide-for-Students-at-NLC.pdf>

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: Applicants must have:

Primary Care Paramedic Certificate from an approved program accredited by the Canadian Medical Association or Accreditation Canada.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS (upon entry into the program):

- At least 18 years of age.
- Class 5 driver's license.
- Immunization record.
- A Police Information Check completed within the last 3 months, will be required at the beginning of the term. The existence of a criminal record may affect practicum placement, program completion, and employment prospects.
- Students will sign waivers 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, to write the ACP program registration exam, to become registered as an PCP or to secure employment.

COST ESTIMATES:	Tuition	\$ 2722.50
	Learning Resource Fee	\$ 760.00
	Student Assoc. Fee	\$ 120.00
	Technology Fee (Flat):	\$ 130.00/ FT \$65.00/ PT
	TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS:	\$ 3732.50

Other supplies (estimate – not payable to NLC): \$ 100.00 (pens, paper, binders, etc.)

NOTE: All fees are subject to change.

PROGRAM OFFERINGS: Slave Lake

	Program Dates	Application Deadline	Payment/Registration Deadline:
Offering 1:	September 1 – December 17, 2021	August 3, 2021	August 16, 2021
Offering 2:			

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).
- **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 \$75.00 (part-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:

Admissions:	Shirley Becker at (780) 849-8601 (fax 849-2570) E-mail: shirbeck@northernlakescollege.ca Questions regarding status of your application, program costs, admission requirements.
Program Contacts:	Fred Light at (780) 849-8600 Extension 8327 E-mail: lightf@northernlakescollege.ca Questions about program content, employment opportunities for the Program.
All other inquires:	Admissions Services 1-866-852-3456 Email: admissions@northernlakescollege.ca (including General inquiries about College services & programs student housing, library, facilities)