



## **Career Information**

### **Primary Care Paramedic (PCP)**

#### **Overview**

**Career Title: PCP Primary Care Paramedic**

**Industry/Field: Health Careers**

The field of paramedicine offers you an exciting and rewarding career where you can make a positive impact in the lives of others. The Primary Care Paramedic program allows students to gain hands-on experience through labs and scenario-based training. Communication, personal wellness, safety, critical thinking, and professionalism are emphasized throughout the program.



<b>Date</b>	<b>February 2025 Updated</b>
<b>Required Education &amp; Skills</b>	<p><b>Hard Skills:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ability to use medical equipment and technology effectively</li><li>• Skills in CPR, wound care, and administering medications</li><li>• Proficiency in evaluating a patient's condition quickly and accurately</li><li>• Accurate recording of patient information and treatment provided</li><li>• Safe and efficient operation of emergency vehicles</li></ul> <p><b>Soft Skills:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Providing care with kindness and understanding</li><li>• Ability to handle physically demanding tasks and long hours</li><li>• Making rapid, informed decisions in high-pressure situations</li><li>• Coping with stressful and emotionally challenging situations</li><li>• Working effectively with other healthcare professionals</li><li>• Maintaining ethical standards and professional behavior</li></ul>
<b>Job Market &amp; Outlook</b>	<p><b>Current Demand:</b></p> <p>The demand for Primary Care Paramedics (PCPs) in Canada is currently high and expected to remain strong. Here are some key points: Labour shortage, and high demand in provinces like-Alberta, British Columbia, and Ontario.</p> <p><b>Projected Growth:</b></p> <p>The need for accessible primary care is increasing, with a projected 22% rise in demand for primary care services by 2041.</p> <p><b>Salary Information:</b></p> <p>These are average national salaries, experience, and geographical location will alter your salary.</p> <p>These figures can fluctuate based on factors such as industry demand, certifications, and regional economic conditions. Alberta's average salary tends to be higher, reflecting the provincial demands and economic conditions.</p> <p><b>Entry-level 4th Class:</b> \$48,000.00 per year</p> <p><b>Mid-level 4th:</b> \$57,000.00 per year</p> <p><b>Experienced 4th:</b> \$82,000.00+ per year</p>



## Pros & Cons of this Career

### Pros:

- One of the most rewarding aspects is the ability to make a significant difference in people's lives during emergencies
- Every day is different, with new challenges and situations, which keeps the job exciting
- There is a high demand for paramedics, ensuring stable employment opportunities
- Competitive salaries, especially in provinces like Ontario and British Columbia & Alberta

### Cons:

- High Stress
- Requires physical stamina to handle long hours and physically demanding tasks
- Shift work, including nights, weekends, and holidays, can disrupt personal life

This information has been compiled using publicly accessible provincial and federal data sources.

