



Information about Dual Credit Primary Care Paramedic/Practical Nurse Pathway From Northern Lakes College

Why take dual-credit Primary Care Paramedic (PCP)/Practical Nurse (PN) courses?

1. Earn up to 25 high school credits plus credits toward the PCP/PN programs.
2. Lessen your workload in College. You reduce the number of courses you need to complete either program by taking courses now.
3. Find out if a career as a Primary Care Paramedic or Practical Nurse is something that you are interested in before enrolling in College.
4. Save money. Your high school may cover some costs. Check with your school to determine if they cover any expenses.
5. Earn a \$500 tuition bursary for dual credit students who continue post-secondary education with Northern Lakes College.

Where is the program available?

The courses are available at any location as they are offered online. Classes are Live Online, however, students not able to attend live classes could treat the course as an asynchronous course as recordings of the classes are made available to the students to listen to at any time.

When are the courses available?

1. Summer – May 1 to August 23, 2024
2. Term 1 - Sept 3 to Dec 11, 2024
3. Term 2 - Jan 4 to May 23, 2025

What prerequisites are needed to get started?

1. Math 20-1 (50%) or 20-2 (60%) AND
2. Completed or Co-enrolled in English 30-1 or 30-2 AND
3. Bio 30 (60%) is required to take ANPY1000.
4. ANPY1000 is a prerequisite for PATH1000 and PHRM1000



How difficult is the program?

1. The Dual Credit course pathway to PCP/PN requires a significant commitment on behalf of the student, the parent, the high school, and the college. The program is intensive, be sure you are ready to commit before applying.
2. The ANPY1000 - Anatomy & Physiology course is considered one of the most challenging courses in the programs. It is equivalent to a ten-credit high school course in one semester.

Courses available by Dual Credit:

Course/Program	Date(s) Offered	Program
ANPY1000 Anatomy & Physiology	Summer or Term 1	PN and PCP
PATH1000 Pathophysiology	Term 2	PN and PCP
PHRM1000 Introduction to Pharmacology	Term 2	PN and PCP
HEED1010 Health Education: Personal Health and Wellness	Term 1 OR Term 2,	PN and PCP
ENGL1000 Introduction to English Language and Literature	Term 1 OR Term 2	PN and PCP
COMM1000 Interpersonal Communications for the Helping Profession	Term 1 OR Term 2	PN
PSYC1060 Psychology for the Health Care Professional	Term 1 OR Term 2	PN
SOCI 2750 Aging in Society	Term 1 OR Term 2	PN

Other things you need to know:

1. Students will follow the schedule laid out by the College while in the program, not the high school schedule. The schedule will be provided to the student during the orientation to the program.
2. To complete the program, you must also meet the following entrance requirements:
 - a. Biology 30 (60%) or credit in ANPY1000 and
 - b. English 30-1 (60%) or 30-2 (70%)
 - c. Must be 18 years of age
 - d. Must have a valid Class 5 Drivers License for the PCP program.
 - e. Please visit the Northern Lakes College website to review specific entry requirements for both programs www.northernlakescollege.ca.
3. Students should identify which Program (PCP/PN) they wish to pursue when enrolling by Dual Credit.
4. For more information about a primary care paramedic or practical nurse career, check out the Alberta Learning Information System website at alis.alberta.ca.
5. The application deadline is six weeks before the start date of the courses. However, students are encouraged to apply early as the classes can fill up before the application deadline.

