



**Oulton**  
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# PCP

## Primary Care Paramedic

Program Fact Sheet



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At Oulton College, we carefully select our faculty and administrative staff to ensure they meet the diverse needs of our students while fostering a safe, supportive, and welcoming learning environment. Collaboration and teamwork are at the heart of our institution, creating a dynamic community dedicated to student success. As a career-focused polytechnic university college, we take pride in equipping our graduates with the skills and knowledge needed to launch their careers confidently.

We diligently recruit experienced, highly qualified, and industry-driven professionals to uphold the standard of excellence in education that we believe every learner deserves. In the classroom, students benefit from cutting-edge learning resources and training techniques while flourishing in a safe, comfortable, and welcoming learning community.

Through strong partnerships with esteemed employers and key stakeholders in our community, students gain exceptional hands-on practicum and internship opportunities and real-world training that serves as a vital component of their educational journey. This immersive experience not only deepens their learning but also equips them with the confidence and industry-relevant abilities to excel in the workplace.

At Oulton College, students embark on a dynamic and well-rounded educational journey that extends beyond the classroom. By graduation, they are not only equipped with the skills and confidence to launch successful careers but also empowered as lifelong learners in an ever-evolving world. We take great pride in shaping future professionals and invite **you** to explore how Oulton College can be the catalyst for your success.

**Darcie Reidpath**  
President, Oulton College



Oulton College is committed to providing an education that offers learners an unparalleled preparation for their new chosen careers. Our steady focus on academic excellence, practical experience, and personal growth ensures that every learner is equipped with the knowledge, skills, and confidence needed to succeed in a rapidly changing world. This commitment is reflected in our **Vision, Mission, and Core Values**, which guide us in shaping the future of education and the success of our students.

## • VISION

Oulton College is a premiere Canadian applied learning post-secondary institution recognized for its career-focused programming excellence.

## • MISSION

We position our students for the successful launch of their careers by delivering industry-aligned programs in a supportive teaching and learning environment that is congruent with the demands of the maritime region and beyond.

## • CORE VALUES

- Integrity
- Student-Centered Excellence
- Innovation & Adaptability
- Lifelong Learning Commitment
- Collegiality & Professionalism

# Quick Facts

## What it is and how it works!



**DIPLOMA**  
Credential Type



**15 MONTHS**  
Duration



**FEBRUARY, MAY  
AND AUGUST**  
Start Dates



**ON-CAMPUS &  
ONLINE**  
Learning Format



**FLANDERS  
CAMPUS**  
Location



### Skills & Topics

- Medical Assessment & Intervention
- Medication Administration
- Emergency Care
- Medication Administration
- Emergency Vehicle Operation
- Professional Communication
- Physical Fitness



### Certifications

- Paramedics Evidence-Based Practice Course
- Medical First Responder (allows for medical coverage at public events)
- CEVO (Coaching the Emergency Vehicle Operator)
- Certificate Non-Violent Crisis Intervention
- CPR



### Tools / Systems

- Ambulance Training (access to an actual ambulance)
- Simulation Equipment
- Diagnostic Tools (EKGs and other industry standard medical equipment)





# WHY CHOOSE PRIMARY CARE PARAMEDIC?

## SALARY EXPECTATIONS

**\$25**/HR   **\$32**/HR   **\$38**/HR  
STARTING   MEDIAN   EXPERIENCED  
~\$74,000 median annual salary in New Brunswick

## JOB DEMAND OUTLOOK



**CANADA**  
STRONG



**ATLANTIC**  
VERY STRONG



**NB**  
VERY STRONG

## TYPICAL PCP PROGRAM

Classroom & Lab Training

Standard Simulation  
Experience

Clinical & Ambulance  
Placements

## OULTON ACCREDITED PROGRAM

Train in Realistic  
Emergency Scenarios

Hands-On Emergency  
Simulation

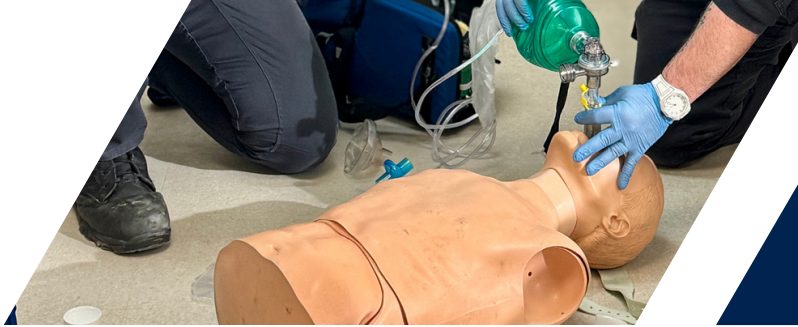
Extensive Field Experience

**15** Months to  
Graduate

**96%** Oulton Graduate  
Employment Rate

## DID YOU KNOW?

Canada is projected to need 20,900 paramedical professionals by 2033, with 70% of openings driven by job growth.



## WHY OULTON COLLEGE?

Everything You Need to Succeed



### TRAIN WITH A REAL AMBULANCE

Learn using an actual former Ambulance New Brunswick vehicle, fully configured and stocked to reflect ambulances currently in service.



### 18 WEEKS OF REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

Complete a 6-week clinical placement, followed by a 12-week ambulance preceptorship where you'll work as an active member of a paramedic team.



### LEARN FROM EXPERIENCED PARAMEDICS

Train with instructors bringing experience from ground ambulance operations, industrial medicine, dispatch, management, and other EMS environments.



### BUILD SKILLS THROUGH REALISTIC SCENARIOS

Practice patient assessment, emergency interventions, medication administration, IVs, airway management, trauma care, EKGs, and more through hands-on labs and simulations.



### GRADUATE WITH MORE THAN A DIPLOMA

Earn additional training and certifications including Medical First Responder, CEVO, CPR, Non-Violent Crisis Intervention, and Evidence-Based Practice.



### TRAIN FOR WHAT EMPLOYERS EXPECT

Oulton works closely with potential employers to align training with industry expectations and prepare students for the realities of professional paramedicine.

# THE OULTON COLLEGE ADVANTAGE

Learn. Practice. Graduate Career-Ready.

## YOUR JOURNEY AT OULTON



### LEARN

Build a strong foundation in emergency medicine, patient assessment, pharmacology, trauma care, anatomy, and evidence-based paramedicine.



### PRACTICE

Develop your clinical skills through hands-on labs and realistic emergency scenarios using simulation equipment, diagnostic tools, and an actual ambulance.



### EXPERIENCE

Complete 18 weeks of real-world training, including a 6-week clinical placement in healthcare settings and a 12-week ambulance preceptorship.



### GRADUATE CAREER-READY

Finish your 15-month program with practical experience and additional training in Medical First Response, emergency vehicle operation, CPR, and crisis intervention.



### BUILD YOUR READINESS

Develop the physical strength and fitness required for paramedicine and prepare for the Paramedic Physical Abilities Test (PPAT) before entering preceptorship.



### RESPOND

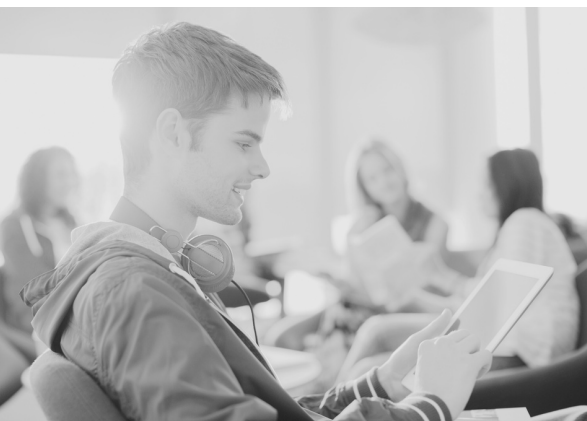
Work as an active member of an ambulance team, applying your assessment, treatment, communication, and decision-making skills with real patients.

# ■ 360-DEGREE STUDENT SUPPORT



**Oulton College has a broad range of personal, academic, and student support services to assist learners from their very first contact with the College to their internship placements.**

Our Student Services team is committed to helping students succeed academically and personally by providing support with educational, personal, and financial challenges in a welcoming and inclusive environment. Services include academic accommodations and individualized learning strategies based on psychoeducational assessments, financial aid and funding guidance, career preparation support such as resume building and interview readiness, annual job fairs and OJT placement assistance, as well as clinical support to coordinate and manage student clinical rotations and placements.



Our Career Services team supports students in preparing for employment by assisting with resume development, interview preparation, and career readiness. We also host annual job fairs and industry networking opportunities to help students connect with employers and confidently enter the workforce. In addition, the team supports students in securing quality On-the-Job Training (OJT) placements that align with their career goals and program requirements.



For programs with clinical components, our Clinical Support team works closely with healthcare and industry partners to ensure students have access to well-organized and meaningful clinical placements. The team coordinates clinical rotations and placement logistics to help students gain valuable real-world experience in professional settings.

At every stage of the student journey, our department is present to provide encouragement, resources, and the practical support students need to thrive both academically and personally.

# Program outline

This nationally accredited program spans fifteen months (15- month) and is designed for individuals passionate about emergency care and helping others. Throughout the course, you will gain a deep understanding of core subjects such as Anatomy & Physiology, Pharmacology, and Evidence-Based Paramedicine.

Beyond classroom theory and laboratory practice, the program includes 18 weeks of offsite clinical and practicum experience. This begins with a **6-week clinical placement** in various institutional settings, followed by a **12-week preceptorship** where you work as an active team member on an ambulance.

To prepare for the physical demands of the profession, students must also successfully complete the **Paramedic Physical Abilities Test (PPAT)** prior to their preceptorship. Upon graduation, you will be prepared for diverse career opportunities in ground and transport medicine, fire departments, or industrial settings.

## CAREER PATHS

- Ambulatory Care and Transportation
- Hospitals
- Fire Departments
- Blood or Organ & Tissue Bank Clinics
- Nursing Homes & Shelters
- Government Departments and Agencies
- Manufacturing Firms
- Industrial Settings
- Other Private Sector Establishments
- Also, as Managers, Supervisors and Directors of Emergency Services



# ■ ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Grade 12 Diploma
- Grade 11 or 12 Biology\* with a minimum average of 65%
- Grade 11 or 12 English\* with a minimum average of 65%
- Grade 11 or 12 Academic Math\* with a minimum average of 65%
- Credits from university are considered assets
- Meeting with an Admissions Advisor
- Completion Faculty Interviews
- Completion of the pre-admission Aptitude Test
- Have a Class 5 driver's licence or be able to obtain it during the program
- Acceptance by the Admissions Committee
- Once accepted, completion of the Post-Admissions Package
- Disclose any driver's abstract issues
- Have a clean driver's abstract before preceptorship

\*Lower Level courses are not accepted Based on New Brunswick Anglophone High School Curriculum. For other provincial or international requirements please contact us directly.

Exception: Lower-Level courses are accepted for Mature students only.





# WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- Anatomy & Physiology
- Communication, Documentation, and Professionalism
- Pathophysiology (the physiology of abnormal states of the body)
- Pharmacology
- Medication Administration
- Health Assessment and Care in multiple settings
- Evidence-Based Paramedicine and Research Methodologies
- Nutrition
- Paramedicine Terminology
- CPR and First Aid
- WHMIS
- Non-Violent Crisis Intervention
- Emergency Vehicle Operation Course

# ■ COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

## **Anatomy & Physiology**

This course introduces the sciences of anatomy and physiology and the basic structure, functions, and assessment of the human body in its state of wellness. Integration of systems and maintenance of homeostasis within the body will also be discussed.

## **Pharmacology**

This course introduces the principles of pharmacology and the basic drug groups and uses. Proper terminology and the familiarization of their uses in planning and delivery of care will be discussed. Topics covered will include drug nomenclature, legal issues, pharmaco-kinetics and principles of pharmacology.

## **Vascular Access / Medication Administration**

This theory course teaches the principles of medication administration. Students learn how to administer medication via multiple routes, learn medication math calculations, as well as how to give injections and start IVs.

## **Skills Theory and Lab I**

This course will include an introduction to the skills required to be able to gather patient information, assess the patient's condition, and initiate medical interventions. Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to perform basic skills that are commonly required in the care of patients. These skills are required in acute, long term and community settings. The student must be successful in both the theory and all lab components of this course.

## **Fitness I & II**

Students will work on their strength and fitness to ensure that they are able to perform the physical functions of a paramedic. Students are assessed via the Paramedic Physical Abilities Test (PPAT) and must complete it successfully prior to beginning their preceptorship on the ambulance.

# ■ COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

## **Medical Theory I and II**

Through an interactive classroom setting, students will gain knowledge of theory of organ systems and pathophysiology. Students will gain an understanding of how the body functions in both normal physiological conditions as well as during disease process and shock states of multiple body systems, as well as learning to acquire and read EKGs.

## **Trauma Theory I and II**

Students will learn the anatomy of the human airway and how to use basic and advanced airway adjuncts and when to apply these skills. They will also learn about traumatic mechanisms of injury, trauma top major body systems, hemorrhage and various states of shock and how to treat them, as well as treating soft tissue injuries. Assessment and management of burns and patients with spinal, thoracic, abdominal, musculoskeletal and head and facial injuries.

## **Feedback**

This problem-based course is based around the student's experiences during the labs and clinical phase of the program. Students review patient cases.

## **EMS Operations**

This course introduces students to Ambulance Operations and driving skills required to safely operate such a vehicle. The CEVO 4 emergency driving theory course and practical driving skills are included.

## **Evidence-Based Paramedicine (Research)**

This course teaches the fundamentals of research to support students' understanding of innovations in paramedicine, and the evolution of best practices in patient care.

# ■ COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

## **Lifestyle and Wellness**

This theory course teaches the fundamentals of healthy living. It also fosters patients' learning and practice of selfcare practices and how these relate to total patient health. This class will include in class theory as well as activities.

## **Professional Practice**

Through an interactive classroom environment, the student will gain the basic skills and techniques necessary to communicate appropriately with staff, patients, clients, families and other health care providers and emergency personnel. Focus will also be given to the importance of proper documentation and reporting.

## **Skills Lab II**

The lab experience will continue to be a time for students to integrate their knowledge and skills in providing simulated care to fellow students and simulation equipment. The level of care the students will be able to provide will be of a higher level and their critical thinking will be tested with each scenario given.

## **Special Patient Considerations**

This course is designed to provide the student with an understanding of the process of care that is required in the care of different patient populations, for example pediatric and geriatric patients.

# COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

## **Practicum - Clinical & Preceptorship**

Students will be placed in offsite settings for 18 weeks as they become integrated in a real life setting and practice the summative nature of the day-to-day work of a paramedic. This portion of the program is intended to allow students to gain exposure to a variety of settings under the supervision of a mentor. It occurs in two phases.

First, students attend a 6-week clinical placement in a variety of community and institutional settings, allowing them to provide care, education, and interventions in practice. Clinical practice will be experienced in a variety of community and institutional settings to introduce students to different populations and work environments.

Following clinical placement, students are assigned to a preceptor on an ambulance for an additional 12-weeks. Preceptorship places students working as an active team member on an ambulance for 12 weeks, applying assessment skills and treatment techniques covered in class. Students will be expected to perform effectively as a paramedic team member, demonstrating professional patient and inter-professional relationships and work practices.

## **Additional Training/ Certifications**

Non-Violent Crisis Intervention, WHIMIS, CEVO certificate and Medical First Responder.

\*Content is subject to change by administration as required to meet program and profession standards.

\*Although labs during first and second term (PCP 106 & 206) are generally on site, some activities take place off campus. Students are responsible for travel and costs associated with relocation, travel and other, to access

assigned lab, clinical, and preceptorship sites. Clinical and Preceptorship OJT training is subject to availability of preceptors, and therefore students are placed in various locations around the province and beyond. Student choice in placement is competitive, subject to the practicum placement rubric.

\*Fees for interim license, provincial registration and licensure and national exam fees are not included. Eligibility for exam writing and licensure for employment is dependent on program accreditation. Students must acknowledge program status.

\*Because of the nature of work of a paramedic, understanding the mental and physical demands of the profession is the key to your success.

# ■ COST BREAKDOWN

Please refer to your contract for the detailed cost/tuition breakdown.  
Costs vary by year, so please ensure you are referring to the correct dates.





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**STARTS**  
**HERE**

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