

# ADVANCED CARE PARAMEDIC

**Program:** PARM

**Credential:** Ontario College Graduate Certificate

**Delivery:** Full-time

**Work Integrated Learning:** 1 Internship

**Length:** 3 Semesters

**Duration:** 1 Year

**Effective:** Fall 2019

**Location:** Barrie

## Description

This one year program is designed to provide paramedics with advanced knowledge and skills for practicing emergency health care and to prepare them to function as a leader in emergency situations. Graduates of the program will have demonstrated the ability to safely and competently care for patients of all ages and administer advanced medical treatment measures. The program is comprised of classroom instruction, skills and patient simulation labs, clinical placement and field placement.

## Career Opportunities

Graduates who already possess provincial certification at the Emergency Medical Care Assistant (E.M.C.A.) level, will, after successful completion of the Advanced Care Paramedic (ACP) Program, be eligible to write the Ontario ACP certification exam and gain employment as ACPs with ambulance services throughout the province or across Canada.

## Program Learning Outcomes

The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

1. interact professionally with patients and others, adhering to relevant provincial and federal legislation and codes of conduct;
2. collaborate with a broad range of personnel such as employers, Primary Care Paramedics, Critical Care Paramedics, Communications Officers, firefighters, police officers, physicians, allied health professionals and others;
3. lead an inter-disciplinary team to ensure optimal patient care;
4. provide complete and accurate reports, in compliance with current legislation, regulations, standards and established policies and procedures;
5. analyze patient assessment findings critically, and infer a provisional diagnosis, using relevant theory and practices and complying with current legislation, regulations, standards, best practices and established policies and procedures;
6. evaluate patient condition continuously, anticipating changes and adapting interventions to provide safe and optimal care;
7. justify an intervention plan in accordance with ACP Medical Directives, best practices, evidence-based medicine and clinical findings;
8. perform basic and advanced life support skills safely and competently, including controlled medical acts, in accordance with established standards and Medical Directives;
9. employ preventative and therapeutic interventions, while maintaining safety of self and others, to promote optimal well-being of the patient, in compliance with current legislation, regulations, standards and established policies and procedures;

10. formulate strategies for self-evaluation and for improving proficiency in the practice of paramedicine.

## External Recognition

This program follows the National Occupational Competency Profile for Paramedics as approved by the Paramedic Association of Canada. This program is accredited by EQual™ Accreditation Canada.

## The Program Progression

### Fall Intake

- **Sem 1:** Fall 2019
- **Sem 2:** Winter 2020
- **Sem 3:** Summer 2020

## Articulation

A number of articulation agreements have been negotiated with universities and other institutions across Canada, North America and internationally. These agreements are assessed, revised and updated on a regular basis. Please contact the program co-ordinator for specific details if you are interested in pursuing such an option. Additional information can be found on our website at <http://www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/credit-transfer/>

## Admission Requirements

- Two-year Ontario College Paramedic diploma or equivalent
- Advanced Emergency Medical Care Attendant (AEMCA) license
- A minimum of 4,000 hours of work experience within the last five years with a licensed paramedic service demonstrated by providing letter(s) from current or recent employers.
- Applicant must be currently employed by a licensed paramedic service.
- Letter of current good standing from the applicant's base hospital or regulatory body (from out of province applicants).

## Selection Process

- Selection testing in Primary Care Paramedic Theory (cut score 70%)
- Letter from your base hospital or regulatory body (for out of province applicants) indicating current good standing
- If English is not your first language, refer to the English Language Proficiency Policy.

## Criminal Reference/Vulnerable Sector Check

Placement agencies require an up-to-date clear criminal reference check and vulnerable sector check prior to going out on placement. Students should obtain their criminal reference three months prior to placement; checks conducted earlier may not be considered current. As some jurisdictions require longer lead-time for processing, please check with the program coordinator to ensure you allow for sufficient turn-around time. It is the student's responsibility to provide the completed document prior to placement start.

NOTE: Individuals who have been charged or convicted criminally and not pardoned will be prohibited from proceeding to a clinical or work placement.

## Additional Information

A current advanced care EMCA licence is required to work as a Paramedic in Ontario. International applicants are required to complete the Ontario equivalency process. Please contact the Ministry of Health and Longterm Care for information regarding the equivalency process.

Completion of college immunization record is required for field placements.

In order to provide quality practicum placements, students will be placed in a variety of agencies or services in the region serviced by the campus. While every effort is made to arrange placements in the planned sequence, placements are dependent upon availability and may need to be completed at a later date. Students are required to provide their own transportation.

## Graduation Requirements

8 Program Courses  
1 Internship

### Graduation Eligibility

To graduate from this program, a student must attain a minimum of 60% or a letter grade of P (Pass) or S (Satisfactory) in each course in each semester. The passing weighted average for promotion through each semester and to graduate is 60%.

### Program Tracking

Semester 1		Hours
Program Courses		
PARM 1000	Advanced Pharmacology	42
PARM 1001	Advanced Patient Care Theory 1	56
PARM 1002	Advanced Care Paramedic Skills	42
PARM 1005	Advanced Patient Care Simulation	42
Hours		182
Semester 2		
Program Courses		
PARM 1003	Advanced Patient Care Theory 2	56
PARM 1004	Advanced Professional Practice	42
PARM 1007	Clinical Practice	240
Hours		338
Semester 3		
Program Course		
PARM 1006	Unifying Concepts in Paramedicine	42
Internship		
PARM 1008	Field Internship	400
Hours		442
Total Hours		962

## Graduation Window

Students unable to adhere to the program duration of one year (as stated above) may take a maximum of two years to complete their credential. After this time, students must be re-admitted into the program, and follow the curriculum in place at the time of re-admission.

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