



Admission Requirements Policy  
Advanced Care Paramedic Program

Program offers are made on a continuous basis to applicants who meet requirements for admission in a 'first come, first served' approach. Should demand exceed available training spaces, a waitlist will be created with offers being made to the most qualified candidate on the waitlist for any vacancies that may arise.

The following list of requirements have been approved for entry into this program. Applicants can demonstrate an equivalency through our Prior Learning and Recognition (PLAR) program. Please contact the Paramedic Program Coordinator ([info@columbiaparamedic.ca](mailto:info@columbiaparamedic.ca)) to discuss this further if either may be needed.

- **Minimum 19 years of age by program start date**
- **Physically able to perform the tasks required of a paramedic**
  - Formal documentation from a medical expert is not required, however applicants must complete a Statement of Fitness to self-certify that they are physically able to perform the tasks required of a paramedic. This requires a healthy level of:
    - Aerobic fitness (eg. climbing stairs with equipment when elevator not accessible)
    - Muscular endurance (eg. performing prolonged CPR on a patient)
    - Muscular strength (eg. lifting and carrying patients)
    - Flexibility (eg. treating patients on the floor or in difficult to reach situations)
- **Criminal Record Check**
  - Must be completed through BackCheck to ensure end report has all information required for CPA to be compliant with BCEHS and EMALB requirements
- **Academic Knowledge**
  - Courses in Anatomy & Physiology, Pharmacology, Evidenced Based Practice and Academic Writing are required
  - Multiple options that meet the requirements for each subject area exist. For an up to date list of courses, visit: [columbiaparamedic.ca/acp/acp-prereqs](http://columbiaparamedic.ca/acp/acp-prereqs)
- **Practical Skills & Knowledge**
  - Additional training in Airway Management, Trauma Management and Pediatrics are required
  - Multiple options that meet the requirements for each subject area exist. For an up to date list of courses, visit: [columbiaparamedic.ca/acp/acp-prereqs](http://columbiaparamedic.ca/acp/acp-prereqs)



○ **Two Confidential Letters of Reference**

- Applicants must submit two reference letters that should highlight the applicant's aptitude for work as a paramedic.
  - One professional (eg. supervisor, teacher, coach, counsellor)
  - One personal
- Must use confidential recommendation form supplied by Columbia Paramedic Academy

○ **Immunizations**

Immunizations required for those precepting on ambulance may be updated at any time by BCEHS. Currently, students must be able to prove the following:

- **Mantoux:** (TB test)-a baseline 1-step test or a test in the last 6 months
- **Hepatitis B:** Series of 3 injections at 0 month, 1 month and 6 months and antibody testing 2-3 months post 3rd injection
- **MMR (measles, mumps, rubella):** Childhood series and a second injection for measles
- **Tetanus/Diphtheria:** Booster every 10 years

It is also recommended, but not required, that all students have baseline blood tests completed before practicum for:

- **Hepatitis B antibody-post vaccine series**
- **Hepatitis C antibody**
- **HIV antibody**

