

Policy Title: Approved Educational Programs	
Authority: Paramedics <i>Regulations</i> s. 8; 21; 32	Approved by: Council
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BACKGROUND

The College has the legislative mandate to regulate the practice of paramedicine in the public's interest, which includes establishing the minimum education requirements to ensure registrants possess the required competencies to provide competent, safe, and ethical care.

PURPOSE

This policy identifies the approved paramedic education programs recognised by the College.

POLICY & PROCEDURES

1. In compliance with section 12(2)(c) of the *Regulated Health Professions Act* and the *Paramedics Regulations* sections 8(a)(b), 21(a)(b), and 32(a)(b), applicants seeking initial registration on the Primary Care Paramedic (PCP), Advanced Care Paramedic (ACP), or Critical Care Paramedic (CCP) sub-registers who have never been previously registered as a paramedic in another Canadian jurisdiction, or for current College registrants who are recent graduates of a paramedicine educational program who are seeking an upgrade of registration to a higher sub-register (PCP to ACP or ACP to CCP), the applicant shall have successfully completed the prescribed educational requirements as follows:
 - a) A post-secondary program in Primary Care Paramedicine (PCP), Advanced Care Paramedicine (ACP), or Critical Care Paramedicine (CCP), accredited by Accreditation Canada; or
 - b) an education program that Council considers to be substantially equivalent.
2. For applicants who have completed a paramedicine education program which has not been accredited by Accreditation Canada, the paramedicine educational program shall be deemed substantially equivalent if it has been formally approved by the respective provincial paramedicine regulator for registration without restrictions or conditions.
3. For applicants who have completed a paramedicine education program which has not been accredited by Accreditation Canada, and the program has not been approved by the respective provincial paramedicine regulatory body for registration without restrictions or conditions, the Registrar shall forward the application to Council for equivalency review, on a case-by-case basis.
4. For all applicants who have completed a paramedicine educational program internationally, the applicant shall complete an equivalency assessment with the College's approved provider of international assessment applications, through the Canadian Organisation of Paramedic Regulators (COPR), at the applicant's expense, and shall provide this assessment with the application for Council's review on a case-by-case basis.

5. For applications for registration on the Critical Care Paramedic sub-register, in accordance with the *Paramedics Regulations*, section 32(a) and (b), the following paramedicine educational programs are recognised and approved by Council:
- a. BC Emergency Health Services Critical Care Paramedicine Program;
 - b. ORNGE Critical Care Paramedicine Program;
 - c. STARS Induction Training (completion of the STARS Critical Care and Transport Medicine Academy certificate course alone through the STARS Academy is not equivalent and does not meet the educational requirements); and
 - d. Nova Scotia Health Learning Institute for Health Care Providers Critical Care Paramedicine Program.

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