



EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDER

FAQ

What does an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) do?

EMR's are an essential part of the health care team, providing entry level medical and trauma care to patients. They may be the first to arrive on scene, they may be the only provider in remote areas, or they may work collaboratively in a team with other EMS/health care providers or first responders.

What are my career opportunities?

The demand for all levels of Emergency Medical Services personnel in Alberta is expanding. EMR's may be employed in ground ambulances, clinics, fire services and industrial settings. The entry level EMR salary varies from \$22-\$30/hour. Once you become a registered EMR you can apply to take your Primary Care Paramedic certificate which is offered in a blended learning format at Portage College.

What are the entrance requirements?

Consult the College website for all requirements. Here are some of them:

- Must be 18 years of age
- Class 5 (non GDL) Alberta driver's license and signed Portage College Waiver
- Standard First Aid & CPR Level C certificate issued within one year of program start date
- Biology 30 with a Minimum of 60%
- English 30 or 30-1 Minimum of 60% or English 33 or 30-2 Minimum of 70%
- Math 20 Pure or Math 20-1 Minimum of 50% OR Math 20 Applied or Math 20-2 with Minimum of 60%
- Chemistry 30 strongly recommended

How do I become an EMR?

In order to practice as an EMR in Alberta, you must have a current practice permit with the Alberta College of Paramedics. After successfully completing the Portage College EMR program you will be eligible to complete the Provincial Registration Examination and become a registered practitioner with the Alberta College of Paramedics. Information pertaining to the provincial exam costs, schedules and membership fees can be found on the Alberta College of Paramedics website.

Why should I choose Portage College?

Portage College offers all levels of the EMS programming. The programs are all approved by the Alberta College of Paramedics. Our graduation rates are excellent and our graduates are very successful at the Provincial Registration examinations. The program is provided using a blended delivery model. This allows students to complete theory courses online without relocating for the entire program. Students complete face-to-face labs in Lac La Biche and clinical placements in an assigned location.

How can I get more information?

For more information about blended delivery in this program and what to expect as a student, please contact the program coordinator. Our tuition rates are very competitive. Call toll free: 1866-623-5551 ext. 6690 for more info.

You can also email: info@portagecollege.ca or check the Portage College website at: www.portagecollege.ca.