



## **PARAMEDIC - BACHELOR OF APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCE**

### **Post Diploma Degree Completion**

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Thank you for your interest in the **Paramedic - Bachelor of Applied Health Science Post Diploma Degree**. The Bachelor of Applied Health Science Paramedic degree entry is open to Practicing Paramedics (ACP) with pre-existing credentials and exists to meet the emerging needs of patients, practitioners, and employers. As a result of practitioner and industry demand, the Bachelor of Applied Health Science (Paramedic) degree option is open to all graduate Advanced Care Paramedics via a distance learning format/program.

The applied degree combines theoretical approaches to learning with elements of practical application to the Paramedic field. This program is available solely as a Distance Learning program. Please note that an applied degree is not equivalent to a four-year Bachelor's of Science Degree program.

### **ADMISSION**

The Bachelor of Applied Health Science - Paramedic (BAHSc- Paramedic) is designed to build on the previous knowledge and experience of practicing paramedics. Qualified candidates are able to obtain the BAHSc-Paramedic Post-Diploma Applied Degree by completing the nine online courses offered in the program.

Entry Requirements:

- ELA 30-1
- Advanced Care Paramedic Credential from an accredited and recognized college/university
- Current Advanced Care Paramedic license in the province the student is located preferred
- Continued employment as an Advanced Care Paramedic is also preferred

### **HOW TO APPLY?**

Click on the Apply Now link on the Medicine Hat College website [www.mhc.ab.ca](http://www.mhc.ab.ca). There is a \$75 application fee. When applying on-line at Apply Alberta, please select **Post Advanced Care Paramedic Entry BAHSC**. Ensure that we receive your high school and Post-Secondary transcripts directly from the institutions that you attended (if completed in Alberta, MHC can request those transcripts on your behalf; simply authorize **transcript transfer** on your on-line application form at Apply Alberta). Transcripts should be directed to the admissions office.

The address is:

Medicine Hat College  
299 College Drive SE  
Medicine Hat, AB  
T1A 3Y6

## REGISTRATION

Once you have been accepted into the BAHSc. Applied Degree- Paramedic Post-Diploma Degree Completion program, you will receive an email requesting the \$250 deposit. This deposit is not an extra charge; it is applied to your tuition and confirms your seat in the program. You cannot register for classes until this is paid. To register for the Distance Learning PARA electronic-based courses, please contact **Tracey Semko, Academic Advisor**. Her contact information is:

Tracey Semko  
 Academic Advisor  
 Medicine Hat College, Student Development  
 T: 403-504-2205  
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## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The following is the recommended course sequencing for the BAHSc. Applied Degree :

PARA 452	EMS and the Canadian Health System
PHIL 313	Bioethics
PARA 453	Community Focused Theory
MGMT 243	Human Resources Management
PARA 454	Leadership in Health Care
STAT 333	Statistics for the Life Sciences
PARA 455	Research
PARA 470	Work Term I
PARA 480	Work Term II

Please note that PHIL 313 will need to be completed either on-site or through another institution, such as Athabasca University, that offers equivalent courses. Medicine Hat College does not, at present, offer this course through distributed learning. **Please be aware that tuition and other fees associated with the class and admission fees are payable to the other institution and are the student's responsibility.** A Letter of Permission must be submitted prior to taking this course. Tracey Semko, Academic Advisor, is available to assist you through this process. Athabasca's equivalent course is as follows:

<b>Medicine Hat College</b>	<b>Athabasca University</b>
<b>PHIL 313</b>	<b>PHIL 335</b>

Athabasca University requires students to register by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the month prior to the desired start date.

**TIMELINE**

There are currently two intakes for distributed learning (DL) courses, ***September and January.***

Each PARA course requires somewhere between 6 and 14 hrs per week, so it is **not** recommended you take more than two courses at a time.

***Courses must be completed within five (5) years of initial entry.***

Typically if taking two courses every four months, it would take 3 years to complete the program.

**COSTS**

Estimated costs for 2022-2023 school year include costs associated with taking the non-PARA courses on-site at Medicine Hat College. ***If these courses are taken at a different institution, please be aware you will incur additional costs for admission and course fees payable to that institution.***

Tuition and other costs such as books and supplies: approximately \$7502.00

Tuition is based on the credit units per class. International fees can be found on the MHC website. Fees are payable in full on the tuition due date as published on the MHC Academic Schedule available on the MHC website.

**CONTENT**

The PARA courses are set up to be completed like an in-class course with specific due dates; they are not self-paced. There are, typically, term papers and weekly unit assignments that are essentially questions to be answered and then submitted to the instructor. This is all completed online through Blackboard.

PARA 470 and PARA 480 are Work Terms. These are either based on research or a project, not clinicals or practicums. The work terms are designed to be completed within a 4 month time frame, however it will depend on your research or project. You may elect to complete these terms in partnership with an employer, however is not mandatory. If so, you and your employer will decide together on the research or project that will educationally or operationally benefit the employer as well as the community. For example, a student could research and implement the benefits of wearing helmets, or improvements on response times, etc. Often Para 470 is the precursor to the final term; as such it may be your intended proposal but must be discussed and arranged with the lead instructor. Each work term is meant to be separate, but may work in conjunction with one another as often students develop a proposal in PARA 470 and complete the research and or project in PARA 480.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

If you have further questions, please contact **Tracey Semko**, Academic Advisor at [tsemko@mhc.ab.ca](mailto:tsemko@mhc.ab.ca)