



PARAMEDIC CARE PROGRAM FAQ

Thank you for your interest in the Paramedic Care (formerly known as Pre-Hospital Emergency Care) program at John Abbott College.

Please read carefully as these will answer most of your questions...

- The Paramedic Care program only has one intake, in the Fall semester. It is only taught during the day (08:00 to 18:00). There may be evening, night or weekend activities or internships.
- The Paramedic Care program has a physical testing component, which **MUST** be completed before your SRAM admission request. Please consult the college's web page for the next physical testing session (usually held in November, February and March).
- Your SRAM admission request (see below) **MUST** be filed no later than **March 1st** for the same year FALL session. This may only be done after January 15 of that year. A non-refundable fee applies to submit an application for admission through SRAM.
- Even if you are refused admission by SRAM, it allows you to re-apply in 2nd and 3rd rounds. **However, this is not applicable for Paramedic Care, even if the system allows it.**
- Current or past students of a CEGEP may have equivalencies or substitutions accorded, based on length of time since your graduation, and course numbers or content. This will **NOT** allow you to complete the program in less than 3 years, as we are not able to offer the core curriculum in an intensive manner.
- Persons with university degrees or from outside of Quebec may also have equivalencies or substitutions accorded, but this is dependent on content. Various departments will be consulted for approval. Again, this will **NOT** allow you to complete the program in less than 3 years, as we are not able to offer the core curriculum in an intensive manner.
- Once admitted, you must complete the medical, vaccination, and security checks we or government agencies impose. This is not a choice. Non-completion means you will be removed from the program. Specific forms will be handed out after your conditional acceptance by the college.

- Course work may be submitted in French in the Paramedic Care program during the **first year only**. Tests will be conducted in English. John Abbott College is an English institution: only courses offered in the French courses and integration seminar will have French Exams. If your English is not fluent, or you have trouble understanding technical terms or scientific concepts, you should consider following this program in a French CEGEP.
- Once you graduate, you must complete the Quebec provincial exam process to obtain your license to work as a paramedic. This testing and certification is obligatory in order to work on an ambulance in Quebec. This license also allows you to challenge exams in other provinces. **This exam is only available in French** (information current as of October 2021).
- Persons interested in the Canadian Forces as a career should contact a recruiter. There are rules and requirements that **ONLY** the Canadian Forces can answer.
- This program of study is for those who wish to be a PRIMARY CARE PARAMEDIC. If you are/want to be a nurse, firefighter, or police officer, this is the wrong program. Do not apply to us thinking that you can change program, thus bypassing the entrance requirements of those programs. This **WILL NOT** work. Our courses in biology, psychology, etc. are not the same as other programs, and will not be granted equivalency: you will have to repeat courses.
- ADVANCED CARE PARAMEDIC training is offered at *Université de Montréal*. Information on such post-CEGEP training can be found at <https://admission.umontreal.ca/soins-prehospitaliers/>
- International students may find related information at <http://www.johnabbott.qc.ca/international/>

We hope these will answer some of your questions. You should also consult the John Abbott College website at <http://www.johnabbott.qc.ca/academics/career-programs/paramedic-care/> for more information.

Information may also be found at SRAM <https://sram.qc.ca/home> and at the Quebec provincial registry site at http://www.msss.gouv.qc.ca/sujets/organisation/registre_ambulancier/index.php

Thank you.

The Paramedic Care Team