

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Educational Requirements

- High School completion required for Primary Care (PCP) and Advanced Care (ACP) Paramedics
- Class 1, 2 or 4 B.C. driver's licence and a Class 4 unrestricted licence is preferred
- Must pass a physical abilities test and a comprehensive criminal records review
- Appropriate licensing exams required for all levels of Emergency Medical Assistants

Key Skills & Attributes

(technical training and on the job)



Service Orientation

Actively looking for ways to help people.



Critical Thinking

Using logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems.



Active Listening

Giving full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at inappropriate times.



Reading Comprehension

Understanding written sentences and paragraphs in work-related documents at appropriate times.



PARAMEDIC

ABOUT THIS CAREER

As a Paramedic, you will administer pre-hospital emergency medical care to patients with injuries or medical illnesses and transport them to hospitals or other medical facilities for further medical care. You must be able to make decisions calmly and efficiently in moments of crisis, have excellent communication skills and have a strong desire to help people.*

(*WorkBC)

\$24.50 - \$49.00* (Est. Annual Salary: \$73,830)

annual employment growth: 1.6%*

JOB OPENINGS: 1,480*

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assess extent of a variety of injuries or medical illnesses to determine emergency medical treatment
- Administer pre-hospital emergency care to patients
- Administer treatments, medications, or other advanced emergency interventions
- Transport patients by air, land or water to hospital or other medical facility for further medical care
- Collaborate with ambulance dispatch centres, hospital staff, police, firefighters and family members to ensure relevant information is collected and proper treatment is administered
- Document and record nature of injuries and illnesses and treatment provided
- Maintain ambulances and emergency care equipment and supplies