

Paramedic Qualifications

Applicants who are new graduates from any class of licensure program will be required to:

- Be a graduate from a paramedic program for the relevant class roster;
- Be a graduate from an education program, that in the opinion of the Registration Committee, qualifies the applicant to be a paramedic or equivalent in the jurisdiction of the program **Paramedics Regulation 17(2)(a)**, in which case this type of graduate must complete any competency assessment required by the Registrar or the Registration Committee and any “bridging education” arising from that assessment; **Paramedics Regulation 17(3) or**
- Complete an entry to practice examination approved by the Council for the class of licensure applied for, if an exam has been approved by Council. **Paramedics Regulation 17(2)(b)** (*See Policy on Entry to Practice Examinations*)

Approved Paramedic Programs

Pursuant to the Paramedics Regulations Schedule A 35 The Council must set the criteria for and recognize paramedic programs that meet the requirements for entry in a roster for any class of license.

The Council has the authority and responsibility to ensure paramedic programs graduates are individuals who possess the required competencies to provide the public with safe, competent and ethical care.

A paramedic program may receive approval based upon one of the following criteria, which are further explained later in this policy; including the program:

- Is offered under the authority of Public Education Regulations,
- Is offered under the authority of Private Education Regulations and possesses accreditation,
- Possesses accreditation,
- Is in the process of obtaining accreditation, with specific requirements, or
- Has been reviewed and approval by Council, upon recommendation by the Registration Committee.

A program offered under the authority of a Public Education Regulator or a Private Education Regulator and possesses accreditation status will be approved by Council and added to its list of approved programs.

A program with an accreditation status will be approved by Council and added to its list of approved programs.

A program that is in the process of obtaining accreditation will be approved by Council provided that the program can provide verifiable evidence that they are seeking accreditation.

- Evidence of this requirement must be met in the form of a letter, or certificate, from the accrediting body advising CPNS that the program has invested financial resources in the process of obtaining accreditation.
- A program that is in the process of seeking accreditation will have three (3) years, from the start date of the inaugural program, to obtain an accreditation status. Additionally, the program must, every six months, provide a letter to the CPNS describing the progress it has made toward attaining accreditation.
- A program that has made no progress in the accreditation process after eighteen (18) months will lose Council approval and be removed from the list of approved programs.

Council approved programs in Nova Scotia

Medavie HealthEd PCP and ACP Dartmouth

Medavie HealthEd PCP Sydney

Nova Scotia Health Learning Institute for Health Care Providers (formerly called the Registered Nurses Professional Development Centre) CCP

Any Canadian based PCP, ACP or CCP program accredited by Accreditation Canada