



Dear Successful Applicant:

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

You have been successful in securing a position within the Paramedic Program here at St. Clair College.

This program is one of the most over-subscribed programs at the college and we are very pleased to offer you the opportunity to begin your study of this exciting field with us.

It is imperative to your success that, before accepting this position, you are aware of the challenges involved. The course is intensely delivered over a period of two years of study. During this time, you will be required to complete four mandatory clinical placement rotations.

These rotations consist of two 5-6 placement shifts in 2nd semester, 8-10 placement shifts in 3rd semester, 48 hours of hospital clinical in 3rd semester and 400 hours of placement with a paramedic crew in 4th semester. The 4th semester placement could potentially be located throughout the province of Ontario. Costs incurred during these clinical placements will be the responsibility of the student and will include housing and travel expenses. In addition, the student must provide their own transportation to and from the clinical site daily.

Once again, we welcome you to the program and look forward to assisting you on the road to a rewarding career in Paramedic.

Best regards,

School of Health Sciences



Things to Do:

Review the entire Paramedic Program webpage. There is lots of information about the program located under the various tabs.

<https://www.stclaircollege.ca/programs/paramedic>

*These items may be completed at any time; however, they **MUST** be completed by November 1st of first semester. The first clinical placement begins in January of second semester. If a student fails to meet with these requirements, the student will not be allowed to go to clinical and may be significantly delayed while the conditions are being fulfilled. This could result in a grade of “unsatisfactory” for that semester. It is your responsibility to ensure that all the items listed below be kept valid for the duration of the program.*

1. **Apply for your police clearance**—** Information is available at the following site:

<http://www.stclaircollege.ca/programs/police-clearances>

Reminder-- ID/Photo ID will be required i.e. Pass Port, License, etc. as well as payment (cost differ in each municipality). **Ensure your name is spelled correctly.**

Police Clearances are required for clinical all placements. You are required to retain your original copy and keep it in a safe place. You may also be required to bring a copy with you to your clinical placement. Keep in mind that police clearances may take several weeks to arrive. Individuals are randomly selected for finger printing—this may also delay receiving your Police Clearance. Additional information is available on the college web page under *Current Students*—scroll down to *Police Clearances*. If your city of residence requires a letter from the school to attain the certificate, please contact Ms. Genie Magliaro

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2. **Health Requirements**-Please visit the “PLACEMENT” tab on the Paramedic Program website for more information.
3. **Standard First Aid & Basic Rescuer CPR with AED - (based on the Heart and Stroke Foundation Standards)** - To be completed before the start of your clinical placement. It is your responsibility to maintain your certification throughout the duration of the program, recertifying in Basic Rescuer CPR yearly. Standard First Aid certification is usually valid for 3 years. Basic Rescuer CPR is only valid for 1 year for all Health Care Providers. These courses **CANNOT** be 100% on-line. There **MUST** be an in person skills practical portion of the program to meet the requirements for our program.



- 4. Uniforms.** Uniforms will be worn throughout 2nd, 3rd and 4th semesters for all labs and clinical placements. We have a uniform distributor that will be coming in November to fit you and take orders for 2nd semester. Please do not purchase uniforms from any other provider as you will not meet our uniform health and safety standards that are guided by our placement agencies. Also please do not purchase uniforms that are from graduates without checking with the coordinator of the program as they also may not meet our uniform health and safety standards that are guided by our placement agencies. Scrubs will be required for the hospital clinical placement for 3rd Semester and are to be ordered through our bookstore. More information will be given at the end of 2nd semester regarding scrubs. **The uniform is to be worn at all times, in its entirety, in the lab and while on clinical placements. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- 5. Books-** The books will be located in the Campus Book Store under their course codes. The following are the course codes for first semester classes:
PARA100- Sander's Paramedic Textbook – 6th Edition
PARA100- Porth Pathophysiology, 2nd Canadian Edition (Accessory, but highly recommended)
PARA111- Tortora 16E – Principles of Anatomy and Physiology - Wiley
PARA110- Essentials of Strength Training and Conditioning 4th Edition
- 6. Equipment-** Paramedic Students will require the following equipment for their first lab day in Para 102. Please wait until after orientation to purchase these items:
-Stethoscope
-Adult Blood Pressure Cuff with Aneroid Gauge
-Penlight
- 7. Review the Physical Demands Analysis** – This provides an excellent overview of physical activity that will be experienced in this profession. Find this information on the program webpage under "MORE INFO" tab.
- 8. P-100 Mask Fit Testing-** In light of community outbreaks such as SARS in 2004, and more recently COVID, respirator use and proper fit is important for all health care providers. **As such, students are required to be mask FIT tested every two years.**

Currently, Mask FIT testing is provided through the placement agency or as arranged by the coordinator/instructor at your expense at the beginning of 2nd semester. FIT testing takes approximately 15 minutes per student.