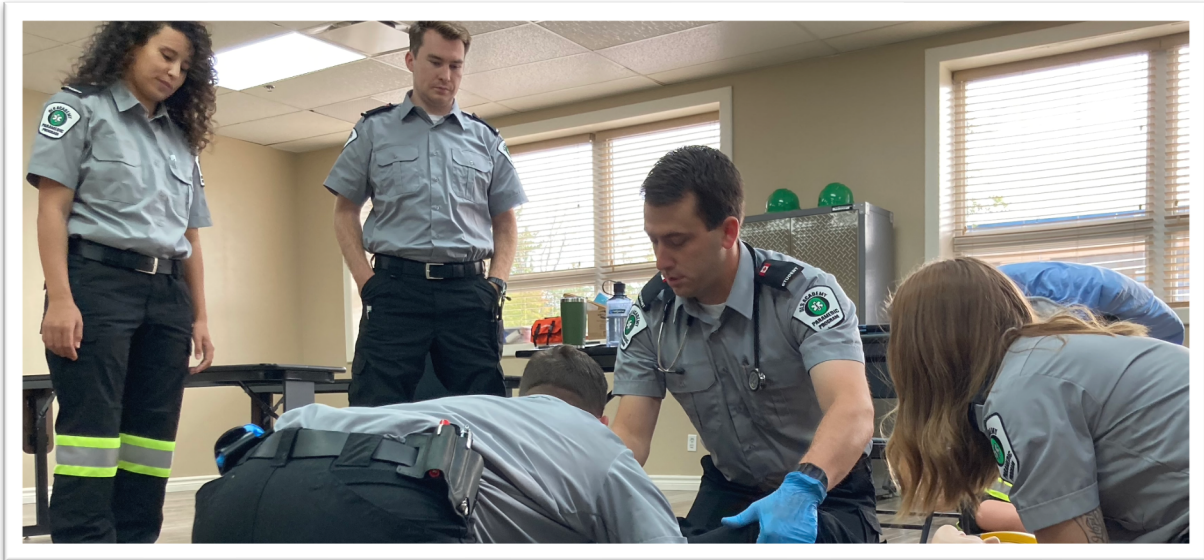




OLS ACADEMY

PRE-SELECTION PACKAGE



2023 – 2024 ACADEMIC YEAR



Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in attending OLS Academy's diploma program in Primary Care Paramedicine. In order to proceed to the Selection Process, you must meet and provide proof of the following pre-requisites. You must also complete and submit all the documents contained within this package.

Note: Failure to provide or fully complete the following, will delay processing of your application.

A Career as a Paramedic:

Paramedics operate in a variety of environments including on an ambulance, in clinics, on aircraft, and in special response vehicles.

Paramedics are versatile medical professionals that are tasked with performing patient assessments, interpreting diagnostics, and performing interventions.

A career in Paramedicine is very rewarding, as you can make a difference in someone's life every time you come to work. However, this does not come without a cost. Paramedics commonly work 12-hour rotating shifts and are faced with both physical and mental stress daily. (You can read more about the stresses faced by Canadian Paramedics here: https://cradpdf.drdc-rddc.gc.ca/PDFS/unc289/p805905_A1b.pdf)

It's important that these valued medical professionals maintain physical fitness and have strong support systems in place, to ensure longevity in this line of work.

Eligibility:

- Candidates must be at least **19 years old** prior to the start of the Preceptorship phase. (April 22nd of next year).



Documents to Submit:

Traditional Admissions Pathway:

- Proof of Grade 12 Diploma or equivalent. If you are currently in Grade 12, a letter from your school stating that you are a student in good standing is required.
- Transcript of marks with the following mandatory courses completed:
If in progress, a letter from your school stating that you are expected to complete the required courses with the minimum average mark indicated below:
 - Biology 11 or 12 with a minimum average of 65%
 - English 11 or 12 with a minimum average of 65%
 - Math 11 or 12 with a minimum average of 65%

Mature Student Pathway:

OLS Academy understands that changes in life's trajectory can occur at any stage. It is strongly felt that no individual should face undue challenges in changing that trajectory no matter the timing of their decision to do so. Individuals classed as "Mature Students" will have the opportunity to enroll into OLS Academy's Primary Care Program via an alternate admissions path.

A **Mature Student** is an applicant who:

- Is at least 21 years of age AND
- DOES NOT meet the admission requirements for direct acceptance via the traditional admissions pathway

The eligibility for Mature Students will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, with the following taken into consideration:

- Work experience
- Panel interview results
- Comportment

Candidates pursuing the Mature Student Pathway to admission, must submit:

- Proof of High School graduation or GED
- Resume with Cover Letter

Regardless of Admission Pathway, all candidates must submit the following:



- Proof of a valid Driver's License or Government issued I.D.
 - *Note: A valid Class 4 Driver's License will be required to obtain employment as a Paramedic*
- A Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Check. (\$20-\$50)
 - (Valid within the past 30 days.)
- Immunization Record or Proof of Immunity to: (\$0-\$150)
 - COVID-19
 - MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
 - Pertussis (Whooping Cough)
 - Tetanus
 - Diphtheria
 - Hepatitis B
 - Varicella
- Proof of two-step Tuberculosis (TB) screening (\$100-\$200)
- Complete the Pre-Selection Package
 - The Candidate Information Form
 - The Pre-Selection Self-Interview Questionnaire
 - The Interview with a Paramedic Form
 - The Professional Reference Form
- Pay Application Fee (\$100 plus HST)

Note: Additional fees may be incurred for items such as a Criminal Record Check, Immunizations, Blood work, and TB Screening. These fees remain the responsibility of the applicant. Estimated fees are outlined next to each item.

Language Proficiency:

OLS Academy's Primary Care Paramedic program is provided exclusively in **English**.

Candidates must demonstrate proficiency in English, prior to being granted acceptance into the program.

Candidates can demonstrate English proficiency in one or more of the following ways:

- The candidate indicates that their first language is English; or
- The candidate provides proof of successful completion of high school or post-secondary education, where course delivery was in English; or
- The candidate provides proof of an *Intermediate Plus* or higher result on the New Brunswick Language Proficiency Evaluation or equivalent



Faculty reserves the right to request that the applicant complete an approved Language Evaluation, at any time during the selection process.

This is to ensure the candidate possesses the necessary language abilities to be successful in the program. *The cost of the language assessment remains the responsibility of the candidate. (Estimated Cost: \$60)*

International Students:

An international student is an individual who is a foreign-born person and who is not currently a citizen or permanent resident of Canada.

International applicants will be enrolled into the same admissions pathways as Canadian applicants. As such, international applicants must submit the same prerequisites as is required by Canadian applicants.

In addition, the international applicant must:

- Submit proof of permission to study in Canada

It remains the responsibility of the international applicant to provide all documentation to the Academy in **English**.

The Academy understands that this may mean some documentation submitted will be “unofficial.” It is for that reason that the Academy requires both an official copy of a prerequisite, along with a copy that is translated in English.

How to Submit:

E-mail:

Once complete, documents may be scanned and emailed to:

academy@omnilifesupport.com.

Mail:

Completed packages may be delivered in person or mailed to:

OLS Academy
607 St. George Blvd. Suite #107
Moncton, NB | E1E 2C2



Candidate Information Form

Full Name: _____ First _____ Initial _____ Last _____	
Date of Birth: _____ Month _____ Day _____ Year _____	
Street Address: _____	
City: _____	Province: _____
Postal Code: _____	Country: _____
Email: _____	Phone: _____ (____) _____ - _____



Pre-Selection Self-Interview Questionnaire

Please provide responses to the following questions on a separate, typed document and attach it to this form to be submitted along with the rest of the Pre-Selection Package.

Question 1:

Why have you chosen to pursue a career as a Paramedic?

Question 2:

What quality or qualities do you possess, that you feel will help you throughout your career as a Paramedic?

Question 3:

What aspect of yourself will you need to work on during your studies at OLS Academy, to help you to become the best Paramedic you can be?

Question 4:

What is one of the greatest challenges that you have had to overcome? Please indicate what strategies you used to overcome this challenge.

Question 5:

A Paramedic career can be quite stressful. How are you at dealing with stressful situations? Please explain how you would cope with the weight of a stressful career.



Interview with a Paramedic

In the space provided, complete an interview with a Paramedic, by obtaining answers to the questions listed below:

Date:

Paramedic Name:

Q1: What is your favorite part about being a Paramedic?

Q2: What advice do you have for someone entering a Paramedic program?



Q3: What is one treatment, procedure, or piece of equipment, to which you do not currently have access, but that you wish you did in order to help in your day-to-day practice? Why?

Q4: What personal characteristics do you think are essential for a Paramedic to have in order to help them to be proficient at their job?



Professional Reference

A professional reference is a recommendation from a person who can vouch for your suitability for a particular role. A professional reference for an experienced worker is typically a former employer or a supervisor.

Recent graduates might also ask teachers, coaches, and school personnel. The key is picking references who have observed you acting in a productive capacity where you displayed your skills and work habits.

Note: No immediate family members may be used as a professional reference.

Name of Candidate:

Name of Reference:

How do you know the candidate?

How long have you known the candidate?

How would you rate the candidate's performance in the following areas?

Skill / Attribute	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Ability to get along well with others				
Accountability				
Time-management				
Communication				
Reliability and dependability				
Ability to work under pressure				
Suitability to the role of a Paramedic?				



Professional Reference – *Continued*

Please provide answers to the following questions:

1. In your opinion, what are the candidate's strengths?

2. In your opinion, what are the candidate's weaknesses?

Additional Comments:

Please provide your contact information should we need to follow-up with you regarding the candidate.
Thank you!

Email: _____ Telephone: (_____) _____ - _____

Signature: x _____