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## **COURSE OVERVIEW**

*PCP-103, Clinical Practicum*, will take place in-hospital. The clinical practicum experience is intended to reinforce the concepts and skills learned in terms 1 & 2 of the program. This phase of the program will afford the learner the opportunity to integrate, refine and solidify practical skills by applying them in a practical patient contact situation, receiving constructive feedback from an experienced healthcare practitioner, and making necessary adjustments to their practice.

The clinical practicum phase of training will aid the student in acquiring a broader appreciation for the various phases of the patient care continuum that generally occur outside of the land ambulance Paramedic's purview. These insights will be acquired through observing and assisting clinical staff.

OLS Academy has learning agreements in place with the Horizon Health Network, the Vitalité Health Network, and the Nova Scotia Health Authority. As a note for those wishing to complete their clinical practicum placements in Moncton, spots may be limited, and students may be required to relocate outside of Moncton for this experience.

Successful candidates will be informed of the allocation of their clinical practicum placement by the program. There is no guarantee that students will be placed at their desired clinical practicum location. Special considerations of personal circumstances will not be given in regard to assigning clinical practicum placements. Students will be responsible for fees associated with the clinical practicum such as entrance requirements, relocation, and travel costs.

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### **Shift Rotations**

Paramedic students will follow an assigned preceptor for multiple 12-hour shifts in various hospital departments.

Total shifts:	14
Total hours:	168 (maximum)

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## **REQUIRED MATERIALS & PREREQUISITES**

### **Electronics**

A device compatible with CompTracker software will need to be carried with the students at all times for the purposes of tracking the attainment of competency signoffs.

### **Uniform**

Students will be expected to follow OLS Academy Student Dress Code Policy at all times during this phase of the program.

<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Successful completion of terms 1 & 2 of the program
<b>Corequisites:</b>	None



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**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Upon successful completion of this phase of the program, it is expected that students will have sufficiently honed skills outlined in the NOCP guidelines for Paramedics and necessary to safely and proficiently support patient care in the clinical environment. By the end of this phase of the program, the student will be able to:

- Describe the roles of the various interdisciplinary teams.
- Report patient issues using professional terminology.
- Perform adequate patient assessments and assist in the management of patient conditions according to facility guidelines and within the Primary Care Paramedic scope of practice.
- Communicate assessment findings with allied health professionals and correctly document findings.
- Demonstrate respect for clients, preceptor, and colleagues in all interactions.
- Demonstrate positive interpersonal skills with hospital employees, patients, and their families.
- Practice with cultural awareness and sensitivity to the influences of racial and ethnic diversity on health.
- Function both independently and as a member of the team.
- Integrate and apply knowledge to support allied healthcare team members.
- Practice according to legal, professional, and ethical requirements.
- Demonstrate clinical competence in the skills outlined for PCP in the National Occupational Competency Profile for Paramedics.

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**INTENDED LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

Learning objectives for PCP-103 Clinical Practicum are intended to support the learning objectives for term 1 and 2 courses and are guided by the *National Occupational Competency Profiles (NOCP)* for Paramedics.



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## **GRADING**

Students will be evaluated through their adherence to treatment guidelines, patient communication abilities, and attainment of competency signoffs. To receive a passing grade for PCP-103 Clinical Practicum, a mastery of all skills designated as a “C” (clinical setting), must be attained. In addition, students must attend all assigned hours, in each of the assigned clinical departments.

In cases where a student’s clinical preceptor feels that the student is not performing at an adequate level, an investigation into the matter will take place. In cases where the student is found to be underperforming, the student will be offered remedial training and subsequently receive a second opportunity to complete the clinical practicum phase of their training.

In cases where the student has been found to be performing at an appropriate level or it is unclear the student will receive an opportunity to complete the experience(s) in the applicable department(s) with an alternate clinical preceptor.

## **EXPECTATIONS & TIPS FOR SUCCESS**

**Absence Due to Special Circumstances or Illness:** Let Mr. Mattatall or Ms. Greene know in advance if you need to be away due to special circumstances. Arrangements will need to be made to make up the lost time.

**Communication Methods:** Most communications regarding PCP-103 will be done via the CompTracker messaging function. Students wishing to email the program can do so at [academy@omnilifesupport.com](mailto:academy@omnilifesupport.com).

*This outline is subject to change at the discretion of academy administrators.*