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December 1, 2023

A Message from the Executive Director/Registrar

It is my pleasure to send greetings to you in this newsletter! My onboarding has flown by, and I would like to thank Trish Bergal, my predecessor, for her many contributions to the College over the past five years.

December 2023 will mark three years since the College of Paramedics General Regulation came into force. This was a major milestone in the work that had begun several years before to achieve self-regulation. Over the past three years there has been an enormous effort on the part of the College staff and Council to establish bylaws, processes, policies and more to fulfill our mandate and I am grateful to them for their work.

As December is upon us, this is the start of a busy time of preparing for the end of the year and the Holiday season. Many Paramedics will be working over the holidays and miss moments with friends and family. Thank you for all you do, and all that you give up serving our communities. I hope that you will all find some time to enjoy the season. I am looking forward to a new year, please stay tuned for some opportunities to connect with me in early 2024.

Registration

As you are preparing for the holiday season, don't lose sight of registrant responsibilities regarding your registration:

- Completion of your Program of Continuing Competency in preparation for the upcoming registration renewal process (Feb 1-Mar 15, 2024).
- Renew your Professional Liability Insurance and upload your new certificate.
- Update any employment changes in your portal.
- If you have been chosen to submit background checks with your renewal, please ensure that you have applied for them. They include Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Search, Adult Abuse Registry and Child Abuse Registry.



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Important change for the 2024 renewal: The renewal will be open during the renewal period Feb 1-March 15. You will still be able to access the renewal March 16-31, however a \$225 late fee will apply. If you have not submitted your renewal by March 31, your certificate of practice will expire, meaning you will not be able to work as of April 1, 2024. You will then need to submit a new application for registration to reactivate your registration.

Health Profession Corporations: The Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA) and the College of Paramedics of Manitoba General Regulation set out the parameters for Health Profession Corporations (HPC). An HPC is a corporation carrying out the business of the regulated health profession, in our case, paramedicine. There are specific criteria that must be met to meet the definition of an HPC, and to register your HPC, most of which revolves around directors and specific shareholders being registered members. If you wish to have more information on HPC's and the requirements, please contact us at info@collegeparamb.ca.

Program of Continuing Competency

It is the start of December and if you have not completed your self-assessment, set your learning goals, and started or completed some associated learning activities, I strongly encourage you to do so. Remember the PCC is documented in the registrant portal this year and it is required to be "submitted" to complete your renewal in 2024. Please don't wait until the last minute.

There are resources on the [website](#) including a new Documentation Guide. Need ideas for learning activities? Check out the "Questions to Stimulate Thought" in the [PCC Handbook](#) page 8-9, and the [PCC Self-assessment supplement](#), or check the [Learning Management System \(LMS\) modules](#) under the continuing competency tab on the website. They are new and may contribute to your PCC submission.

If you are engaged in advanced education, there is a policy: [AE-6 – Advanced Education Eligibility for PCC](#). If you are unsure if your advanced education can be applied and want to confirm your plans, or have questions about your PCC, please contact Leith at lsaunders@collegeparamb.ca. I would be happy to help you.



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Education

If you are thinking about engaging in advanced education by enrolling in the Red River College Polytechnic Advanced Care Paramedic program, you will need to complete the Anatomy and Physiology prerequisite. Red River College Polytechnic is offering Anatomy and Physiology courses through the Continuing Education department and has reserved 24 seats in the Winter 2024 cohort for those wishing to apply for the Primary Care and Advanced Care Paramedic programs.

Please contact Red River College Polytechnic ([Interdisciplinary Health Sciences - Courses and Descriptions: RRC Polytech Program & Course Catalogue](#)) for more information. You are encouraged to engage the A&P prerequisite and enroll.

EMS Station/Community Visits

Our Coordinators will resume EMS station/Community Visits in the New Year. If you would like to request an in-person presentation, please contact either Chris or Leith at info@collegeparamb.ca

Are you a Gmail User?

If you are a Gmail user, please continue to learn the unique features found in the Gmail system, that unfortunately do result in lost emails. As you may have found out though, Gmail comes with many unique features for inbox management and that also leads to college emails easily becoming lost. There are many tutorials and here is one that might be helpful: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OD7H4p_luvs

Emails may be sent from one of these addresses. Please ensure you add these to your safe senders list:

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Upcoming Dates

December 25 & 26, 2023 – Christmas Day and Boxing Day Office Closures

January 1, 2024 – New Year's Day Office Closure

January 1, 2024 – Registrants to upload new certificates of PLI for the 2024 year

January 2024 – (dates to be confirmed) Stay tuned for Information Sessions about Council and Committee membership

January 31, 2024 - PCC must be completed and submitted prior to registration renewal

February 1, 2024 – Registration Renewal begins.