



<b>College of Paramedics of Manitoba</b>		
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### 1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide exemption regarding the Anatomy and Physiology requirements for eligibility to enter an approved Primary Care Paramedic Program or Advanced Care Paramedic Program in Manitoba.

### 2.0 DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 **Program Approval Criteria Primary Care Paramedic (PCP) and Advanced Care Paramedic (ACP):** the standard which must be met by education providers submitting programs for approval to the College of Paramedics of Manitoba (CPMB).
- 2.2 **Student eligibility criteria Anatomy and Physiology (A&P) –** The standard criteria for PCP or ACP programs of either a pre-requisite of six (6) credit hours of post-secondary Human Anatomy and Physiology (including a lab component) completed within five (5) years prior to beginning a PCP/ACP Program or have the equivalent imbedded in the PCP/ACP program (co-requisite).
- 2.3 **Post Secondary degree/certificate/diploma –** some candidates wishing to enroll in a PCP/ACP Program are doing so after receiving a degree/certificate/diploma with A&P as part of the curriculum and working in a context that would apply Human Anatomy and Physiology.
- 2.4 **Concurrent program:** in the context of this policy, an A&P program which runs at the same time or overlaps with a PCP or ACP course of study.

### 3.0 POLICY

- 3.1 Exemption will be considered on a case-by-case basis for those who hold a degree/certificate/diploma (ex. Physiotherapy, Primary Care Paramedic) which incorporated Human Anatomy and Physiology (six credit hours) into that degree/certificate/diploma, however more than five (5) years has elapsed since completion of that degree/certificate/diploma.
  - 3.1.1 Candidates considered for exemption must have worked in a context that applies the knowledge, skill and judgement of the completed Human Anatomy and Physiology courses within the 5 years immediately prior to the start of the PCP/ACP program,



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- 3.2 Exemptions may be granted to a prospective PCP or ACP student if they are enrolled in an A&P program concurrently with the start of their intended PCP or ACP program.

#### **4.0 PROCEDURE**

- 4.1 The Candidate must write/contact the College of Paramedics of Manitoba for exemption.
- 4.2 In the case of prior learning:
  - 4.2.1 The candidate seeking admission to an approved Primary Care Paramedic or Advanced Care Paramedic program must provide proof (post-secondary document and transcript) to the College of Paramedics of Manitoba of completion of a post-secondary degree/certificate/diploma which incorporated six (6) credit hours of Human Anatomy and Physiology.
  - 4.2.2 The completion of the degree/certificate/diploma must be within ten (10) years of starting a PCP or ACP program
  - 4.2.3 The candidate must provide attestation of working in a capacity that would require the application of the knowledge of Human Anatomy and Physiology, within the 3 years prior to seeking enrollment in a Primary Care Paramedic or Advanced Care Paramedic program.
- 4.3 In the case of concurrent program enrollment:
  - 4.3.1 The candidate seeking admission must provide the course outline for the A&P program and PCP or ACP program which they are enrolled in to verify that program content for the PCP or ACP program will not outpace the A&P content.
  - 4.3.2 It must be understood that should the candidate fail the A&P program; they must defer further course of study in the PCP or ACP program until they have successfully completed the A&P.
- 4.4 The required documentation will be provided to the College of Paramedics of Manitoba who, upon review and determination if the candidate meets the exemption policy criteria, will issue a letter of exemption to the chosen Primary Care Paramedic or Advanced Care Paramedic Program and notify the applicant that the exemption has been granted.