

Application Information

2026 Intake

Fire & Rescue Certificate

Primary Care Paramedic Certificate



'Training to Save Lives'

Public Fire Paramedic Program
Manitoba Emergency Services College

Important Dates

Step 1	Initial Application Deadline	April 2, 2026
Step 2	Proficiency Testing	End of April 2026
Step 3	Applicant Interviews	Mid May 2026
Step 4	Successful Applicant Notification	June 10, 2026
Start Date	Primary Care Paramedic track	August 18, 2026
Start Date	Fire & Rescue track	October 13, 2026

Step 1: Initial Application

- Submit a complete application package by the application deadline.
- Documents to be submitted as originals, full color scans (pdf format), or certified photocopies.
- Applicants must be 18 years of age on or before the application deadline.

Application Package to include:

1. Public Fire Paramedic Program Application Form (available on our website)
2. \$100 application fee
 - This non-refundable, non-transferable fee is payable by cash, certified cheque, money order, Debit, MasterCard, Visa, or by requesting an emailed payment link.
Note: No personal cheques are accepted. Do not send cash in the mail.
 - Certified cheques and money orders are payable to the *Minister of Finance*.
3. Official high school transcript equivalent to a Manitoba Grade 12 (Senior 4) diploma
 - Required for Fire & Rescue track:
 - credit in Grade 12 (Senior 4) English
 - Required for Primary Care Paramedic track:
 - credit in Grade 12 (Senior 4) English; and
 - credit in one of Grade 12 (Senior 4) Chemistry, Biology, or Physics
 - Applicants must have graduated from high school. See Program FAQs for information.
 - Transcripts from other countries must also include an assessment document from an accredited agency showing equivalency to a Manitoba Grade 12 diploma with the required credit(s) mentioned above and be written in English. Contact your local Immigration Agency for information.
4. Proof of valid Driver's License equivalent to a Manitoba Class 5 Full (F) stage
5. Personal Driver Abstract current within 6 months of your application date
6. Your resume
 - Demonstrate to the Selection Committee how your knowledge and skills make you an ideal candidate.
7. Two personal references (use the form available on our website)
 - To be completed by those who can speak to your attributes of how you will be successful in the Public Fire Paramedic Program (PFPP). At least one of the references must be from a non-relative of the applicant.

Step 2: Proficiency Testing

Applicants selected from Step #1 will be invited to the Manitoba Emergency Services College (MESC) for an information session, tour, and to complete a written assessment.

For this step there is no preparation required. This is general knowledge testing used as a standardized evaluation tool to identify applicant strengths.

Step 3: Applicant Interview

Applicants selected from Step #2 will be invited to participate in an interview with a Selection Committee.

The MESC is seeking candidates with the potential to do well in the Public Fire Paramedic Program and that demonstrate the ability for success.

Interviewers will be assessing each candidate's abilities by asking questions that relate to the following areas: time management, personal values/character, flexibility/adaptability, integrity, and interpersonal/professional communications.

Step 4: Conditional Acceptance

Applicants selected from Step #3 will be conditionally offered a spot for the intake of the Primary Care Paramedic or Fire & Rescue track of the MESC's Public Fire Paramedic Program. With conditional acceptance, you will receive a package detailing the next steps and deadlines.

Final Prerequisites:	Required for:	
	Primary Care Paramedic track	Fire & Rescue track
This information is included for reference purposes. Only applicants who receive Conditional Acceptance are required to obtain the following which will be confirmed during the selection process.		
\$1,000 non-refundable deposit This holds your spot in the program and is deducted from your tuition.	X	X
Vision check <i>Vision Check Form</i> (supplied by the MESC) is to be completed by an Optometrist.	X	X
Medical clearance <i>Medical Examination Form</i> (supplied by the MESC) is to be completed by a medical doctor, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner.	X	X
Physical fitness assessment This reflects the requirements of working in an emergency services environment. Arranged by the MESC.	X	
Valid Pleasure Craft Operator Card		X
Valid Driver's License equivalent to a Manitoba Class 4 Full (F) stage	X	X
Air brake endorsement Candidates within Manitoba: MESC will provide further instruction regarding the air brake component. Candidates outside of Manitoba: Must have an equivalent certification from your home province.		X

Final Prerequisites, continued:	PCP	F&R
Certification in Standard First Aid CPR Level C Training obtained from an approved provider on the list found here: www.gov.mb.ca/labour/safety/training.html	x	x
Certification in Health Care Provider (HCP) Basic Life Saver (BLS) Training obtained from an approved provider on the list found here: www.gov.mb.ca/labour/safety/training.html	x	
Police Service Criminal Record (including Vulnerable Sector) check Current within six months of the program start date.	x	x
Adult Abuse Registry check (AARC) Current within six months of the program start date.	x	x
Child Abuse Registry check (CARC) Current within six months of the program start date.	x	x
Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) Certification This is an online course provided through SAFE Work Manitoba.	x	x
Laboratory report proving immunity to Hepatitis B More information regarding this will be provided to you from the MESC.	x	
Proof of Immunization The form to be completed will be supplied by the MESC.	x	
Incident Command System (ICS) 100 This is an online course provided by the MESC.	x	x
Comfortable training in open water, confined spaces, and at heights A test (swim 25 meters and tread water for 2 minutes) is completed.		x

More information is available at www.mbmesc.ca

Questions can be directed to mescpfpp@mbmesc.ca

Program FAQs

How does the training work?

- Students enroll in single track, one-year training to obtain a Fire & Rescue certificate or Primary Care Paramedic certificate. Students may also choose to earn a certificate in both tracks to receive a Public Fire Paramedic Program (PFPP) diploma.
- There is one intake per year with classes beginning annually in the fall.

How many students are accepted to the program?

- The admission target is to have 20 students fill seats in each of the tracks. The MESC reserves the right to award fewer admissions based on educational requirements, teaching-learning infrastructure, and overall suitability of candidates.
- Applicants who reside in the Province of Manitoba are given priority for the first available seats. Applications from non-Manitoba residents will be considered only if seats remain available.

I'm in grade 12 right now, can I apply?

- Unfortunately, the application would be declined. As program spots are offered before the school year is complete, the initial prerequisite of a grade 12 diploma would not be met. We look forward to you planning to apply for the next intake.

Program FAQs, continued:

I applied last year but wasn't accepted. Do I have to apply again?

- Yes. Applications received are only current for the applicable academic year. We do not maintain a waitlist.

What happens if I'm worried about my documents to be submitted?

- Driver abstract and security clearance checks received that are not clear are subject to review and consultation.

What if I want to take both Fire & Rescue and Primary Care Paramedic?

- Students who are enrolled in Year 1 and wish to continue and complete the alternate track in Year 2 will be given the opportunity to confirm their interest in advance of seats being offered to non-students. Before a current student is offered a seat, consideration will be given to the individual's attendance, grades, and overall program success. The MESC Registrar will have the final say in a student continuing to Year 2. If this is offered, a \$1,000 deposit will be required to hold the seat, and prerequisites will need to be met as required.

Do I have to take the 2 years together?

- Students who complete Year 1, take a gap period, and then wish to return to the MESC and complete the alternate track will be required to reapply from Step 1. Should the student return and be successful in completing both certificates, they may be eligible to receive the Public Fire Paramedic Program diploma.

Can I attend any of the classes online?

- No. All training is full-time and in-person at our Brandon campus. It is strongly recommended to live within Brandon as the weather can make commuting a challenge. Attendance is essential to success and is closely monitored.

Do you have access to a residence or dorm?

- No. Students are responsible for their own living accommodation.

Do I need a computer or anything else?

- Students must have a laptop or tablet with internet access capability and Microsoft Office Suite for the duration of the program.
- Upon acceptance, a list will be provided which includes textbooks, safety gear, uniform, and other items.

How much is tuition? Or other expenses?

- Tuition for one year is \$10,000.
- Student Insurance for one year is \$50.
- Applicants are responsible for all costs associated with application/acceptance steps.
- It is recommended to budget an additional \$3,000 per year for textbooks, safety clothing, uniforms, supplies, and incidental costs.

How can I pay fees?

- Certified cheques and money orders are payable to the *Minister of Finance*. No personal cheques are accepted.
- Application fee (\$100): Cash, certified cheque, money order, Debit, MasterCard, Visa, or by requesting an emailed payment link.
- Program deposit (\$1,000): Cash, certified cheque, money order, Debit, MasterCard, Visa, or by requesting an emailed payment link.
- Tuition (\$9,000): Cash, certified cheque, money order, or Debit.
- Student Insurance (\$50): Cash, certified cheque, money order, Debit, MasterCard, Visa, or by requesting an emailed payment link.

Program FAQs, continued:

Is there a fitness requirement?

- Physical fitness is a valuable attribute for students of the Public Fire Paramedic Program. When working in emergency services, strength, agility, and flexibility are essential. For the Fire & Rescue track, there are consecutive days of physically demanding training, carrying, climbing, and exposure to extreme temperatures in all environments. For the Primary Care Paramedic track, students will experience movements of pushing, pulling, lifting (alone and with partners), climbing, as well as areas where strong motor skills for precise tasks are needed.

Does the MESC have a gym?

- Though the MESC has no in-house fitness facility, our students are offered substantial membership discounts at fitness centres in Brandon.

Is there funding? Can a RESP account be used?

- The MESC is recognized as a federally designated educational institution. Students are eligible to receive a tuition tax credit and may qualify to receive financial support in the form of education savings plan withdrawals, student loan, scholarship, sponsorship, bursary, or other funding. As funding is often granted on a case-by-case basis, contact your preferred funding service provider for more information. Examples of entities through which students may be eligible for funding are Canada Student Financial Assistance Program, Manitoba Student Aid, Workforce and Industry Programs and Partnerships, Indigenous Services Canada, Manitoba Metis Federation.

What if my family or a funding service provider has a question about my application?

- Information contained in the application process is confidential and will only be discussed with the individual submitting the application unless written consent is given.

How will I receive information from the MESC about my application?

- The MESC admissions office will provide communication with applicants electronically. It is essential to monitor your email (including junk folders) from the date your application is submitted until you receive notice of being a successful or unsuccessful applicant. Failure to do this could result in missing important messages and/or deadlines and may result in the forfeiting of your application and associated fees.

*Our graduates make an impact in their communities
and across the world with careers as
Primary Care Paramedics, Fire Fighters, and Rescue Technicians.*

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