



Lakeland College
Advanced Care Paramedic Program

Hospital Practicums
Intermediate Ambulance Practicum
Final Ambulance Practicum

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- In 2009, Augustana Faculty of the University of Alberta transferred its EMS programs to Lakeland College.
- Accreditations are non-transferrable, so the Lakeland programs initiated new Alberta College of Paramedics program approvals and began the process of applying for program accreditations with the Canadian Medical Association.
- Program approvals significantly impact what is done on practicums



- Intermediate Ambulance practicums begin after Technical II, and comprise a minimum of 432 hours and completion of all Intermediate Ambulance competencies.



- During their first year of the paramedic program, students are required to complete a minimum of 40 calls and 400 hours with an emergency medical service (transfers, industrial, or EMR services not acceptable).
- This is not a practicum; it is an employment requirement for first year paramedics.
- All calls are recorded, submitted and reviewed by instructors. Students are not eligible to begin the second year if these 40 calls and 400 hours are not completed.



- Hospital practicum placements follow the first year following Technical III in September.



- The hospital practicum comprises a minimum of
 - Emergency room: 50 hours, or 100 hours where no ICU
 - ICU: 50 hours if available
 - O.R.: 50 hours
 - Labor and Delivery: 50 hours
 - Lab: 12 hours (can be done in ER)
 - Completion of all competencies



- Final Ambulance Practicum follows completion of Intermediate Ambulance and Hospital Practicum towards the end of the second year.
- Final Ambulance practicums comprise a minimum of 480 hours and completion of all competencies.



Why split the ambulance practicums?

- Since the practicums are competency based, dividing practicums between BLS and ALS components assists students in experiencing success at basic skills before being challenged to work with more complex procedures, and to be introduced to higher level competencies to ensure future success. The Hospital practicum in between Intermediate and Final Ambulance allows students to prepare for these complex procedures in a highly supervised setting. This is a direct result of preceptor/employer/student feedback.



- You are an ambassador for our program; the way you interact with the practicum site determines your success and ours
- Make sure that your opportunity to succeed on your practicum is not wasted
- Make sure that you complete your responsibilities as a student.



- Visit our [website](#) for all practicum resources. You are required to read your practicum manuals.
- You are also required to familiarize your preceptor with the manuals and practicum resources. This is the student's responsibility.
- You must complete and send/fax in your student agreement (contract) from the practicum manual on your first shift or tour.



- An online logbook is used to record completed competencies and to track the progress of each student on a daily basis
- Students and preceptors must have internet access during the practicums, but access does not have to be at the worksite.
- Each student is given a private password to access the online logbook.



- Each preceptor is given a preceptor password to enter information online as it is submitted.
- The student is required to enter competencies regularly, which are then accessed by the preceptors to be graded. Regular data entry ensures timely marking of competencies.
- Instructors are going to check on each student while they are on practicum by doing an on-line check.



- It is imperative that every student on practicum completes regular data entry.
- It is not optional; it is compulsory.
- It is the vital link between preceptors and Lakeland College, instructors and students, and practicum sites and administration.



- Preceptor access to instructors or practicum supervisors has been provided through the online logbook, emails, and phone numbers.
- Preceptors may request contact from the school for any reason, varying from requests for further information to discussions about students.



How do I count hours on Hospital practicum?

- Every hour spent on the floor in the hospital practicum counts as an hour in the hospital practicum logbook.



- How do I count hours on ambulance practicum?
- Count the hours worked on shift, up to 10 hours per shift.



Exceptions:

- Example #1 If the preceptor is paid \$15 per hour for each hour of a 24-hour period, then all 24 hours will count towards practicum hours.

Example #2

- If the preceptor's daily wage is based on only 10 hours at \$15 per hour, then only 10 hours will count towards practicum. Any overtime hours will count towards practicum (1 hour of overtime equals 1 hour of practicum time).



- Do I have to finish all of the simulations?

Yes in your program, but not necessarily in your practicum. Simulations are assessed in class.

You can be assessed on simulation competencies in practicums if opportunities present themselves, but this is not required.



- Entry of information into the online logbook has been streamlined.
- For Hospital Practicums, students submit competencies only, without PCR's.
- For Ambulance Practicums, students submit PCR's with competencies attached to each PCR.



- The online logbook cross-references the patient or call to the NOCP competencies, and tracks student performance, attendance, preceptor feedback and performance, contact data, and vulnerabilities.



- What about competencies that you are unable to complete on your practicum e.g. chest decompression, intracardiac drugs, or burns?
- Some of these can be completed in a simulated setting with scenarios – check your competency setting carefully and talk to your practicum coordinator. Do not count on doing too many clinical or ambulance competencies this way.
 - All difficult to complete competencies must be done at the practicum site. Contact the school if you have any questions.



If you report to your Practicum Coordinator that you have completed all of your practicum requirements and your Lead Instructor finds incomplete competencies when marking your logbook, you will very likely be sent back on practicum.

MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS FINISHED.



- It is the responsibility of the student to:
 - Come prepared
 - Come well rested
 - Come ready to study
 - Come ready to work
 - Be willing to admit weaknesses and areas that need improvement



- DO NOT EVER:
 - Try to fake your vitals or assessments
 - Talk negatively about your preceptor
 - Talk negatively about your instructors
 - Talk negatively about your college
 - Talk negatively about other programs
 - Arrive late to your practicum



- **Negative talk will reflect negatively on you,
not on those whom you talk about**



- DO NOT EVER SAY:
 - “.....I know, I know.....”
 - “.....I know that.....”
 - “.....I wasn’t taught that.....”



When should you communicate with your practicum coordinators or your instructors?

1. Let them know immediately when there is a significant problem
2. Inform your practicum coordinator when you have started, when you are half done, when you have approx. two weeks left, and when you are done and have the final evaluation signed.



- Practicum visits by school staff will vary, but we will try to visit twice during your ambulance practicum, and upon request for your hospital practicum.
- If your preceptor indicates that he/she wants a practicum visit, let the practicum coordinator know ASAP.



- Instructors and practicum coordinators will do the practicum visits; it will not always be the practicum supervisor.



Questions?

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