

Advanced Care Paramedic Examination Blueprint

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What is an Examination Blueprint?

COPR administers entry to practice examinations for the Emergency Medical Responder (EMR), Primary Care Paramedic (PCP), and Advanced Care Paramedic (ACP) designations. COPR has an examination blueprint specific to each designation.

The examination blueprint for the COPR Entry to Practice Examinations provides an outline of the content to be covered and the expected number of questions per competency area for entry level paramedics and emergency medical responders in Canada. The examination is structured around the eight (8) competency areas described in the 2023 Canadian Paramedic Competency Framework (CPCF):

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| A | Professionalism (Professionalism) |
| B | Patient- and Community-Centred Communication (Communication) |
| C | Integrated Collaborative Health Care (Collaboration) |
| D | Continuous Learning and Adapting to Evidence (Learning and Adapting) |
| E | Health of Professional (Health) |
| F | Advocacy for Health, Equity, and Justice (Advocacy) |
| G | Leadership (Leadership) |
| H | Care Along a Health and Social Continuum (Care) |

The CPCF provides additional information on the enabling competencies that support the key examinable competencies. This blueprint must be used in conjunction with the CPCF, found on the COPR website.

An examination blueprint ensures that candidates are tested in a fair and comparable manner across examination administrations, despite completing different examinations.

The following examination blueprint was approved by the COPR Board of Directors on June 20, 2024.

Advanced Care Paramedic Blueprint (2024)

ACP Candidates have four (4) hours to complete and submit their examination.

| General Parameters | Target |
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| Total number of questions | 200 |
| Number of scored (operational) questions | 180 |
| Number of unscored (experimental) questions | 20 |

Examination blueprint parameters may vary by +/- 10%.

| Structural Variables | | Target Percentage | Target Range of Questions |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Cognitive Level of Question | Knowledge | 25.00% | 45 - 55 |
| | Application | 35.00% | 63 - 77 |
| | Critical Thinking | 40.00% | 72 - 88 |
| Patient Population (assuming 60.00% of questions involve a patient) | Neonatal Patient | 5.00% | 5 - 7 |
| | Pediatric Patient | 15.00% | 16 - 20 |
| | Adult Patient | 45.00% | 48 - 60 |
| | Geriatric Patient | 35.00% | 37 - 47 |

| Competency Areas | | Target Percentage | Target Range of Questions |
|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| A | Professionalism | 4.00% | 7 - 9 |
| B | Communication | 5.00% | 9 - 11 |
| C | Collaboration | 4.00% | 7 - 9 |
| D | Learning and Adapting | 2.00% | 3 - 5 |
| E | Health | 4.00% | 7 - 9 |
| F | Advocacy | 4.00% | 7 - 9 |
| G | Leadership | 2.00% | 3 - 5 |
| H | Care | 75.00% | 135 - 165 |

| Competency Areas | | Target Percentage | Target Range of Questions |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| A Professionalism | Competency A1 | 60.00% | 4 - 6 |
| | Competency A2 | 10.00% | 1 - 1 |
| | Competency A3 | 30.00% | 2 - 3 |
| B Communication | Competency B1 | 60.00% | 5 - 7 |
| | Competency B2 | 10.00% | 1 - 2 |
| | Competency B3 | 10.00% | 1 - 2 |
| | Competency B4 | 10.00% | 1 - 2 |
| | Competency B5 | 10.00% | 1 - 2 |
| C Collaboration | Competency C1 | 20.00% | 1 - 2 |
| | Competency C2 | 40.00% | 2 - 4 |
| | Competency C3 | 30.00% | 2 - 3 |
| | Competency C4 | 10.00% | 1 - 1 |
| D Learning and Adapting | Competency D1 | 18.00% | 1 - 1 |
| | Competency D2 | 34.00% | 1 - 2 |
| | Competency D3 | 26.00% | 1 - 2 |
| | Competency D4 | 22.00% | 1 - 1 |
| E Health | Competency E1 | 20.00% | 1 - 2 |
| | Competency E2 | 20.00% | 1 - 2 |
| | Competency E3 | 20.00% | 1 - 2 |
| | Competency E4 | 20.00% | 1 - 2 |
| | Competency E5 | 20.00% | 1 - 2 |
| F Advocacy | Competency F1 | 45.00% | 3 - 4 |
| | Competency F2 | 45.00% | 3 - 4 |
| | Competency F3 | 10.00% | 1 - 1 |
| G Leadership | Competency G1* | – | – |
| | Competency G2 | 75.00% | 2 - 4 |
| | Competency G3 | 25.00% | 1 - 2 |
| H Care | Competency H1 | 25.00% | 33 - 42 |
| | Competency H2 | 60.00% | 81 - 99 |
| | Competency H3 | 15.00% | 20 - 25 |
| | Competency H4* | – | – |

* Denotes a competency that has been excluded from assessment on the ACP Entry to Practice Examination due to its examinability and/or is testable under a different competency area.

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