

What makes a competent paramedic?



Collaboration

- Works professionally and effectively with others
- Interacts respectfully and avoids or resolves conflicts
- Safely transfers patients to other paramedics or health professionals

Learning and Adapting

- Educates students, colleagues, the public
- Keeps up with research and practice guidelines
- Commits to ongoing learning and professional development



Communication

- Communicates with compassion and respect
- Respects privacy, confidentiality, and seeks consent prior to acting
- Prepares clear and accurate records

Health

- Takes care of their physical, mental, and social health and well-being
- Acts on warning signs of personal ill health
- Supports the health and well-being of team members

Professionalism

- Demonstrates ethical practice and high standards of professional behaviour
- Is accountable
- Acts according to relevant laws, standards, rules, and regulations

Advocacy

- Responds to the needs of patients, communities, and populations
- Supports an environment where people feel safe and are treated fairly
- Promotes healthy behaviours in patients and their families

Care

- Makes decisions based on evidence
- Provides safe, effective, ethical assessments, care planning, treatment, and transfer of care
- Is guided by the patient's preferences, needs, and values

Leadership

- Acts as a role model for colleagues and new paramedics
- Thinks critically and solves problems
- Supports a culture that promotes practice improvement and patient safety

