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**RE: Announcing RPPEO Fall 2022 CME**

Dear Paramedics,

The Regional Paramedic Program for Eastern Ontario (RPPEO) is pleased to announce the full lineup for your 8-hour Fall 2022 CME!

Beginning on **August 31, 2022**, RPPEO will introduce our paramedics to the many changes coming with the next iteration of the Advanced Life Support Patient Care Standards (ALS PCS) version 5.0. In Fall 2022 CME, paramedics will benefit from both relevant prerequisite learning materials, and a large block of class time dedicated to practising the interventions introduced in the ALS PCS update.

In 2023, paramedics in Ontario are expecting a major update to our patient care standards from the Ministry of Health. These important updates have been some time in coming and are anticipated to come into effect as early as February, 2023.

The COVID-19 response and precautions made it impossible to safely and effectively integrate significant changes to practice, other than those related to the pandemic, over the last two and half years. However, the RPPEO's assessment of the current situation concludes that we can now safely and effectively gather small groups in a classroom setting for necessary learning to support major updates to standards.

After discussion with paramedic services and paramedics, the RPPEO decided to create a truly hybrid learning model for Fall 2022 CME. We are using our online learning platform MedicLEARN to provide the physiology, anatomy and explanatory materials that will guide paramedics through the upcoming practice changes, as well as reintegrating some class time for hands-on practise. Please see the attached RPPEO Fall 2022 CME Program for complete details.

RPPEO Fall 2022 CME is mandatory education for all Eastern Ontario paramedics as partial credit toward annual Maintenance of Certification requirements as described by the Ministry of Health. For more information, see RPPEO.ca.

You are asked to **complete Fall 2022 CME on MedicLEARN before you attend a classroom session** so that you will already understand the coming changes and be able to benefit from practise in the classroom setting. Your paramedic service will work with you to schedule you for time in the classroom following completion of the MedicLEARN content.



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We could not be more pleased to offer you both the flexibility of online learning in the prerequisite MedicLEARN content and the effectiveness of organized class time to consolidate your learning with hands-on practise.

The pandemic period has created tremendous demands and novel stresses. On behalf of everyone at the RPPEO, we sincerely want to credit you for your continuous efforts during the sometimes-relentless extraordinary circumstances.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

For the Continuing Education Team,  
Frank St-Jean, RPPEO Continuing Education and Certification Manager

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# RPPEO Fall 2022 CME Program

## Prerequisite 4-hour MedicLEARN Module

The first half of your Fall 2022 CME is a 4-hour online module that will launch in MedicLEARN on **August 31, 2022**. The content of the MedicLEARN Fall 2022 CME is focused on explaining the changes you will see when the Ministry of Health releases the ALS PCS version 5.0.

## Fall 2022 CME MedicLEARN CME content

- Introduction to the ALS PCS 5.0
- Cardiac Arrest
- Tension Pneumothorax
- Emergency Childbirth & Oxytocin
- Newborn Resuscitation
- Central Venous Access Device
- Supraglottic Airway
- Procedural Sedation/Combative Patient Medical Directives

## Scheduled 4-hour Classroom Practise Sessions

All paramedics will have an opportunity to come into class with an RPPEO facilitator to practise and discuss ALS PCS 5.0. The RPPEO is working with your paramedic service to offer convenient, scheduled class time to you. For more information on when you will be scheduled for your four hours of class, please refer to your paramedic service.

## Fall 2022 CME Classroom Practise Stations

- New Medications
- Cardiac Arrest Directives
- Needle Thoracostomy
- Supraglottic airway
- CVAD
- Emergency Childbirth
- Airway

To manage safety in the classroom as we live with COVID-19, RPPEO will be providing medical face masks and hand sanitizer, as well as single use gloves for practising interventions.