



JIBC

School of Health, Community & Social Justice
Health Sciences Division

Dear PCP Crew,

Re: Ambulance Observation Placements

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation for your support in providing a safe and welcoming learning environment for JIBC's Primary Care Paramedic student during their **ambulance observation** shift.

The student is with you to **observe only**. The EMALB student license requires any skills and/or procedures to be performed under the direct supervision of a qualified preceptor. Therefore, **under no circumstances during an observation shift are students permitted to take part in any patient care or paramedic related work**. This includes patient assessment or treatment, lifting or transferring a patient, and carrying or moving equipment. Students will have the opportunity to do this with a BCEHS Preceptor later in the program.

During your shift, please consider the following:

- The opportunity to ride alongside experienced paramedics in an observer capacity in the early stages of the program, provides students with a better understanding of the profession and increased motivation to continue in their chosen career. This may be one of the first times they have been on an ambulance and it's important that you provide them with a positive experience.
- This is an opportunity for you to share your experience and knowledge with students. For example, discuss patient presentations, underlying pathophysiology, patient treatment, decision making and rationale for patient care.
- Provide a workplace orientation to students prior to riding in the ambulance using the attached BCAS Orientation for Non-BCAS Employees to an Emergency Vehicle checklist.
- **Please ensure you inform Dispatch of your JIBC student observer and provide their 6-digit PeopleSoft ID number, which enables BCEHS to track who is on car for safety requirements and emergency contact purposes.**
- All JIBC students have read the BCEHS confidentiality policy documents and signed a BCAS Confidentiality Agreement.

If you have any questions, please contact BCEHS Preceptor Admin via email PreceptorAdmin@phsa.ca or phone 604-297-8683 Options 1, 3, 2 and 5.

Again, thank you for your support of our Primary Care Paramedic students.

Sincerely,

JIBC's Practice Education Team

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Practice Education Resource Centre <http://pe.jibc.ca>



BCAS Orientation for Non BCAS Employees to an Emergency Vehicle

BC Ambulance Service (BCAS) Staff will provide a workplace orientation of the following emergency equipment and procedures to all escorts/ workers (including: Police Officers, First Responders, Health Care Professionals, WorkSafeBC Officer, Social Workers, Students, etc...) prior to riding in an ambulance. Please use a ✓ in the check boxes to indicate that you have been orientated to the following items and have the escort sign the bottom of the form.

Completed	Item
<input type="checkbox"/>	Seatbelts must be worn while the vehicle is in motion.
<input type="checkbox"/>	All equipment must be secured by BCAS paramedics prior to and while vehicle is in motion.
<input type="checkbox"/>	All patients must be secured by BCAS paramedics.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Assist with lifting only <u>when</u> and <u>as directed</u> by BCAS paramedics.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Access and egress of the vehicle Operation of emergency latches on exit doors – must be used together to operate. Three point mount/dismount Stay in the ambulance (car) until the attendant says it is safe to exit. Always wear reflective gear if exiting on a uncontrolled roadway.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Please be advised of the following Hazards that may be encountered on car Biohazard waste container (<i>red</i> symbol/bag) Medical supplies cupboard doors Trip Hazards - Safety hook, antlers and rail (stretcher bar) Syringes and needles Sharps containers Loose equipment when entering car – must be secured prior to and while vehicle is in motion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Personal Protective Equipment locations Gloves Isolation Gown N95 Respirators and surgical masks – only if patient has respiratory precautions required. Reflective Vests – required in non controlled environment. Appropriate dress for environmental conditions and type of work. Safety Glasses
<input type="checkbox"/>	Process for Emergencies - Follow the direction of paramedics in the event of an emergency or unplanned event.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Report any hazards or harmful acts to paramedics.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Equipment Review Fire extinguisher Flashlight Cellular phone Jump Kit (First Aid Kit) Control panel location
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency transports (lights and sirens) will only happen when the patient's condition cannot be managed by the transport team, and/or a time-sensitive intervention will be administered immediately on arrival at the receiving facility.

Escort Name (Please Print Clearly)

Paramedic's Name

Date

Additional Information

Seatbelts must be worn while the vehicle is in motion. In the event you need to provide immediate care to a patient ask the driver to pull over at the next safe location. You must remain in your safety belt until the driver is able to pull over. If possible plan ahead for areas where you can pull off the road to assess patients or adjust anything for patient comfort.
All equipment must be secured: Additional equipment must be kept to a minimum. BCAS paramedics must ensure all equipment taken on board is secured properly. In the event of an accident anything not secured will become a projectile.
Access and egress of the vehicle safely: Three point mount/dismount – always have three out of four points (2 hands and 2 feet), located on the vehicle when attempting to enter or exit the ambulance.
Please be advised of the following Hazards that may be encountered on car Biohazards –Never reach into the biohazard waste to retrieve anything. Trip Hazards: Safety hook, antlers and rail (stretcher bar) are located on the floor of the patient compartment. Syringes and needles – Please place all used syringes and needles in the sharps containers Sharps containers –Never reach into a sharps container. Loose equipment – Avoid bringing excess equipment or personal items on board as space is limited, and not all items can be secured easily. Ask the paramedics to determine what equipment you need that is not supplied on board.
Personal Protective Equipment locations Gloves when providing patient care Isolation Gown – location – use as required for biohazard infection control. N95 Respirators and surgical masks – In the event the patient is known in advance to have a respiratory disease, during aerosol generating medical procedures, and in conjunction with any reverse isolation techniques (surgical mask for patients only). Reflective Vests – must be worn when exiting the vehicle on any roadway or where machinery may be operating. Appropriate dress for environmental conditions – dress in layers appropriate for hot or cold weather, no open toed footwear, etc... Safety Glasses - must be worn when there is a hazard of blood or bodily fluids entering the eye or mucous membranes.
In the event of an emergency or unplanned event always follow the direction of the paramedics.
Report unsafe or harmful acts to paramedics. If you do not feel your concerns are being adequately addressed please contact your employer and our duty supervisor.
Equipment Review Fire extinguisher: location Flashlight: location Cellular phone: location and direction to call 9-1-1 in an emergency. Radios are located in the front of the main cab on the dash. In the event of an emergency if you can't reach help by cellular phone press down the side button on the radio to call dispatch. Remember to release the button on the side to hear dispatch. Jump Kit (First Aid Kit): location Environmental Control panel location
Code three transports will only happen when the patient's condition cannot be managed by the transport team, and/or a time-sensitive intervention will be administered immediately on arrival at the receiving facility.

Regular escorts may be pre-orientated and receive a card indicating completion of the Orientation to an Emergency Vehicle for Non-BCAS Workers.

WCA s. 118(2) states:

(2) The *prime contractor* of a multiple-employer workplace must

- (a) ensure that the activities of employers, workers and other persons at the workplace relating to occupational health and safety are coordinated, and
- (b) do everything that is reasonably practicable to establish and maintain a system or process that will ensure compliance with this Part and the regulations in respect of the workplace.

OHSR s. 3.23(1)

(1) An employer must ensure that before a young or new worker begins work in a workplace, the young or new worker is given health and safety orientation and training specific to that young or new worker's workplace.