

Region 2 Ride-along Work Experience Program for Grade 12 Students

Proposed Dates for 2007 – 2008 school year

Summer Break – August 1 to September 2, 2007
 Christmas – December 22, 2007 to January 6, 2008
 Spring Break – March 15, 2006 to March 23, 2008

Schools involved:

H.J. Cambie Secondary (Richmond)
 Hugh Boyd Secondary (Richmond)
 Hugh McRoberts Secondary (Richmond)
 J.N. Burnette Secondary (Richmond)
 Steveston-London Secondary (Richmond)
 McMath Secondary (Richmond)
 Lord Byng Secondary (Vancouver)
 West Point Grey Academy (Vancouver)
 Windermere Secondary (Vancouver)

Proposed BCAS Stations involved:

Station	Address	City	Paramedic Unit Chief
242	1317 Richards Street	Vancouver	Terry Raappana
245	1538 E. 25 th Avenue	Vancouver	Rene Bernklau
246	5478 Ormidale Street	Vancouver	Brian McCreedy
250	3780 Sexsmith Road	Richmond	Pascal Rodier
251	4641 Clarence Taylor Way	Delta	Bill Morrison
262	2333 Westbrook Mall	UBC	Jim Atkinson
269	3999 Williams Road	Richmond	Tim Philley

Units involved: 242A1, 242A2, 246A2, 250A1, 250B1, 250C1, 251A1, 262A1,
 269A1, 269A2

Shift times: A1 & A2 Days – 0630 – 1830
 B1 Days – 0730 – 1830
 C1 Afternoons – 1300 – 2400

Dress:

Students will wear:

- White long sleeved dress-type shirt with button front
- Dark blue or black dress pants or slacks
- Black or similar dark footwear
- An issued Safety Vest when ordered to by the Paramedics
- An older issue orange Rain Jacket or blue Patrol Jacket, both without identification crests, when supply permits

Students will not wear:

- T-shirts
- Jeans or athletic pants
- Dresses or skirts
- Heels over 1 inch high
- Perfume or scented makeup
- Visible body piercings other than earrings

Department:

Students will:

- Arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the start of their assigned shift
- Bring a bag lunch or money to buy a meal
- Bring a book or schoolwork
- Take appropriate body substance isolation precautions
- Wait for an appropriate time to ask any pertinent questions
- Follow the orders of the Paramedics immediately and without question
- Will inform the Paramedics if they feel unwell or uneasy during a call and then return to the ambulance
- Wash their hands after each call

Students will not:

- Talk to patients unless given permission by the supervising Paramedic
- Participate in hands-on patient care
- Leave the side of the Paramedics without asking permission
- Participate in any aspects of handling a stretcher when it is supporting a patient
- Not use cellphones while outside of the Ambulance Station

Expectations:

Students:

- Will conduct themselves with proper deportment at all times
- Have completed a First Responder Training Program prior to participating in the ride-along work experience
- Will demonstrate a genuine interest in the various aspects of the health care system and the impact that each will make upon a patient.
- Will be on time for each requested shift and will remain until the end of each shift.

Paramedics:

- Will endeavour to provide a quality educational experience for each student given the resources available and the types of calls encountered.
- Will conduct themselves in such a manner as to bring credit upon themselves and the BC Ambulance Service.
- Will immediately contact the Duty Unit Chief if they have any questions, comments or concerns
- Will contact the Duty Unit Chief should the student require to be removed due to illness, behaviour or emotional issues
- Will ensure the safety of themselves and the student at all times
- Will ensure that each student is wearing an "Observer" tag at all times

Parents:

- Will attend a scheduled meeting of parents, teachers and a Paramedic to receive an orientation to the Work Experience Program and to answer any concerns that may be raised.
- Will understand and sign the appropriate School System's Work Experience Agreement.
- Will complete and sign, on behalf of the student, a copy of Release and Indemnity form, **HLTH-1042**.
- Will ensure that the student is delivered to the assigned station prior to each shift and retrieved after the shift is completed.
- Will provide a phone number where they can be reached during each shift, should any issues regarding the student arise during the ride-along session.
- Any contact with the parent or parents will take place through either the Duty Unit Chief or the Ride-along Coordinator

Teachers:

- Will ensure that at least one teacher is available, by telephone, at all times when students are participating in the Ride-along Work Experience Program. Any such contact will be made by the Ride-along Coordinator.
- Will have arranged to contact an appropriate school counselor should emotional support be necessary
- Will host the parent meeting prior to the start of each Ride-along Work Experience Program period.
- Will ensure that each student and their parent(s) have completed the Work Experience Agreement and Release and Indemnity form, **HLTH-1042**