

## M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Toronto Paramedic Services

FROM: Morgan Hillier, Base Hospital Medical Director

DATE: January 17, 2023

RE: **2023 SRBH Annual Certification Education (previously Mandatory CME)**

On February 1, 2023, version 5 of the Advanced Life Support Patient Care Standards (ALS PCS) will come into effect. This version has many new and exciting changes, including additional medications to the paramedic scope of practice and removing mandatory patch points.

The Ontario Base Hospital Group is releasing online education to assist paramedics with transitioning from v4.9 to v5. We strongly encourage paramedics to review the eLearning before the new standards are released.

Sunnybrook Regional Base Hospital is changing the name of Mandatory CME to **Annual Certification Education (ACE)** to better align with the Certification Standards and promote lifelong learning. Annual Certification Education, as a requirement of Section 6 of ALS PCS, will continue to focus on Medical Directives and skills associated with delegated medical acts. Section 6, titled Certification Standards, explains all the requirements for paramedics to maintain their certification. For the past few years, the Ontario Base Hospital Group educators have worked together to provide consistent, quality education throughout Ontario. We aim to continue and expand this work to address future changes to the ALS PCS.

### 2023 Annual Certification Education Overview

Annual Certification Education may be released at different times throughout the year. If paramedics work for more than one service under Sunnybrook, they are expected to complete their education with the service where they perform their highest scope of practice.

Annual Certification Education for Toronto Paramedics will be released based on the schedule below. A further notification will be sent in June as a reminder to book the in-class date.

Paramedic Scope	Content	Date Accessible	Deadline for Completion
PCP / ACP	ALS PCS v5 Update - eLearning Module	Mid-January	March 27, 2023
ACP only	CVAD Medical Directive	Mid-January	March 27, 2023
PCP / ACP	Self-Schedule Booking Options for In-Class	June 2023	August 2023

PCP / ACP	Scheduled In-Class Sessions	August 2023	December 2023
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**IT Troubles with CME Modules, Passwords**

If you have any IT-related issues, such as access trouble, passwords or modules not functioning or marking as complete, please contact the Paramedic Portal Helpdesk.

If you need to cancel and rebook your Annual Certification Education, please do so on the Paramedic Portal or contact the Helpdesk for assistance. The Paramedic Portal Helpdesk is available Monday to Friday from 0800 to 1600 hrs, except on statutory holidays:

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Sincerely,



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## Annual Certification Education



**Online - ALS PCS v5 Update  
Complete by March 27**

<https://paramedicportalontario.ca/report/mygrades/index.php>



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