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## **Parkland named as one of three rural sites for new paramedic training program**

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**Dauphin-** The Parkland Regional Health Authority (PRHA) welcomes news from the Province that Dauphin has been selected as one of three rural locations for a new primary care paramedic training program. Red River College, in collaboration with Manitoba Advanced Education and Training, has developed an intensive 12- month program to meet the growing need for skilled emergency medical services personnel in Manitoba. The Program is slated to begin in September 2008.

“Red River College is excited to offer this training opportunity to prospective students in the Parkland region,” said Louise Gordon, Dean of Health Sciences and Community Services. “This program provides students with the academic and clinical experience necessary to work in the dynamic and challenging field of emergency medical services.”

The academic component will be delivered in class in Winnipeg and by e-TV delivery to three rural and northern locations (*Dauphin, The Pas and Souris*). Eight students will participate in each of the three rural and northern sites. The program will be rotated to other rural and northern sites on an annual basis to ensure that labour market needs of the entire province are served.

For more information,  
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All students will be required to attend practical skills labs at Red River College, Notre Dame Campus in Winnipeg. ‘On car’ practical experience will be conducted in rural/northern Manitoba as well as in Winnipeg.

“We welcome the opportunity to offer yet another exciting training program for health care workers in our Region,” stated Allan Bradley, PRHA, Chief Executive Officer.

“The PRHA encourages those with an interest in paramedic training in the Region to consider the 2008/2009 program and to contact Red River College to see if the program is a good fit with them at this time.”

For more information on the Program, contact Student Services at Red River College, at 1-800-903-7707, or visit the Red River College website at [www.rrc.ca](http://www.rrc.ca) (search “paramedicine”) to find out more about the course criteria, prerequisites and fees.