COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE (MICRO-CREDENTIAL)

Program: CPMC
Credential: Recognition of Achievement
Delivery: Part-time, micro-credential
Work Integrated Learning: 1 Work Placement
Duration: 398 hours
Effective: Fall 2027
Location: Barrie

Description

The Community Paramedicine Micro-certificate is designed to provide experienced paramedics with in-depth skills and knowledge in community health and care coordination with an emphasis on patient advocacy and interprofessional practice. Graduates of the program demonstrate the ability to safely and competently care for a diverse patient population while working within a multidisciplinary team. Students engage in a variety of learning activities including but not limited to didactic instruction, case-based learning and student reflection, skills and simulation labs, and placement.

Career Opportunities

Graduates who possess provincial certification at the Advanced Emergency Medical Care Assistant (A.E.M.C.A.) level and/or Advanced Care Paramedic (ACP) certification, after successful completion of the Community Paramedic (CP) Program may be eligible for employment with municipal paramedic services or government ministries.

Program Learning Outcomes

The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

1. describe the evolving role of the community paramedic within the context of unlegislated practice and medical delegation;
2. employ leadership, communication, advocacy and critical thinking skills to optimize patient care and support inter/intra-professional collaboration and practice in the non-emergent setting;
3. apply and integrate advanced assessment, diagnostic, and investigation to provide care to patients with a variety of health conditions;
4. analyze assessment findings in order to determine, implement, monitor, adapt and justify a plan of care for the patient in the non-emergent care setting;
5. integrate and perform a variety of interventions and delegated medical acts to provide comprehensive community paramedic care using complex clinical reasoning and evidence-based practice;
6. perform duties in alignment with environmentally sustainable practices;
7. apply basic entrepreneurial and interpersonal skills to identify, plan, and respond to new opportunities.

Admission Requirements

- Two-year Ontario College Primary Care Paramedic diploma or equivalent
- Advanced Emergency Medical Care Attendant (A-EMCA) or equivalent
- A minimum of 8000 hours or 4 years' experience and proof of current employment with a municipal paramedic service
- Letter of current good standing from the applicant's base hospital or regulatory body (for out of province applicants) and letter(s) of reference from employer(s)

Selection Process

- Applicants will be selected based on professional experience, resume and submission of written assignment
- Panel selection interview (composition at the discretion of program personnel)

Criminal Reference/Vulnerable Sector Check

Placement agencies require an up-to-date clear criminal reference check and vulnerable sector check prior to going out on placement. Students should obtain their criminal reference three months prior to placement; checks conducted earlier may not be considered current. As some jurisdictions require longer lead-time for processing, please check with the program coordinator to ensure you allow for sufficient turn-around time. It is the student's responsibility to provide the completed document prior to placement start.

NOTE: Individuals who have been charged or convicted criminally and not pardoned will be prohibited from proceeding to a clinical or work placement.

Graduation Requirements

To graduate from this micro-certificate, students must successfully pass each of the training modules with a minimum grade of 60%

Graduation Eligibility

Students must successfully complete all required courses as noted below. Further details, if applicable, are noted under "Additional Information" above.

Program Tracking

Program Courses		Hours
Modules		
HSCI 0303	Introduction to Community Paramedicine (Micro-credential)	24
HSCI 0304	Health Promotion Through the Lifespan (Micro-credential)	14
HSCI 0305	Anatomy and Physiology-Systems Review (Micro-credential)	16
HSCI 0306	Pathophysiology - Systems Review (Micro-credential)	28
HSCI 0307	Health Assessment for Community Paramedics (Micro-credential)	48
HSCI 0308	Therapeutics for the Community Paramedic (Micro-credential)	56
HSCI 0309	Pharmacology for the Community Paramedic (Micro-credential)	36
HSCI 0310	Simulation Lab for Community Paramedics (Micro-credential)	56
HSCI 0311	Community Clinical Placement (Micro-credential)	120
	Hours	**398**
	Total Hours	**398**

Graduation Window

Students registered in part-time studies programs must maintain continuous registration in order to complete the program according to the curriculum in place at the time they were admitted. Students who do not

remain continuously registered must be readmitted to the program and follow the new curriculum.

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