South Central College
Program Design

CP Community Paramedic

Program Information

Instructional Level  Certificate
Career Cluster  Health Science Technology

Description
The Community Paramedic program responds to identified health needs in underserved communities, ultimately improving the quality of life and health of rural and remote citizens and visitors. The program seeks to prepare students for roles that include the following: outreach; wellness; health screening assessments; health teaching; providing immunizations; wound care; recognition of mental health issues and referral into the existing mental health care systems; and functioning as physician extenders in rural clinics and hospitals. Community Paramedic students will also receive instruction in disease management, including a thorough understanding of monitoring diabetes, congestive heart failure and other high-cost diseases and the methods and medications used to treat them.

Entry Requirements
Students must be admitted to the Community Paramedic program by following a defined application process. Requirements for admittance includes: Current certification as an Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic (EMT-P) and a record of at least two (2) years of full-time service as an EMT-P or the part-time equivalent.

Program Core Competencies

1. Define the boundaries of the Community Paramedic position.
2. Identify services and inform the community on those services through various teaching methods and through partnerships.
3. Recognize and teach social determinants on health in the immediate community.
4. Understand and perform community mapping and health assessments.
5. Develop strategies to identify community health needs and subsequently meet those needs and build community capacity.
6. Perform a variety of clinical interventions.
7. Collect and share public information that relates to EMS and Public Health specific prevention programs.
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<td>CP 2500</td>
<td>Roles Advocacy and Outreach</td>
<td>2.00</td>
<td>This is an introduction to the role and function of the Community Paramedic (CP). The student will learn about the Community Paramedic's specific role and function as a member of the health care team and part of the community. The student will identify the components of the role, define it, and explain the &quot;scope of practice&quot; for the position of CP. Additionally, the student will learn about the role of the CP as an advocate for clients in the community. (Corequisites: CP 2505, CP 2510, CP 2520)</td>
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<td>CP 2505</td>
<td>Community Assessment</td>
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<td>This course is designed to introduce the role of the Community Paramedic (CP) as a member of the health care team in community assessment. The student will map the community health care services, describe the demographics of the community and assess their impact on the health of the clients. Additionally, the student will gain understanding of community health services in order to give advice on health care needs in the community. (Corequisites: CP 2500, CP 2510, CP 2520)</td>
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<td>CP 2510</td>
<td>Care and Prevention Development Strategies</td>
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<td>This course will introduce the responsibilities of the Community Paramedic (CP) for gathering appropriate patient/client information and maintaining accurate records, including documentation of encounters between the CP and the patient/client. The student will also learn about the CP's role in assessing health care needs and appraising health care conditions. (Corequisites: CP 2500, CP 2505, CP 2520)</td>
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<td>Community Paramedic Clinical</td>
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<td>This course will provide the student with clinical training under the supervision of a medical director, physician, nurse practitioner, physician's assistant or public health provider. The student will recommend appropriate health and/or social care professionals for</td>
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<td>the patient, prioritize jobs, and provide both advice and care. The student's placement in the clinical is based on qualifications and past training and experience. (Corequisites: CP 2500, 2505, 2510)</td>
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