



Community Paramedic Advanced Certificate (CPC) Part Time Studies 2017-2018

Program Overview

Our communities are experiencing increasing demand on health care services and, where residents have limited access to the services required, longer wait times for these services can result. That's where the community paramedic becomes a crucial member of the health care team. Community paramedics use their mobile care response skills to bring services to members of the community who may not be able to access available services otherwise. They work collaboratively with health care professionals in the community to provide in home and on site care, which would otherwise be done in a health care facility.

The Community Paramedic advanced certificate program will enhance your training as a primary care or advanced care paramedic to focus on prevention, client education, geriatrics, palliative care, mental health and addictions, and chronic disease management. It builds on the on-site response expertise you have already obtained so you can apply it to caring for patients in their homes and community.

Community Paramedic is offered fulltime (30 weeks) or part-time (up to 4 years) via a combination of online learning and hands-on lab and clinical practice experiences through Saskatchewan Polytechnic Saskatoon Campus. On-site labs and community-based clinical experiences will enable you to apply the knowledge, theory and skills you acquire in a variety of environments. You will spend time in hands-on, practical labs building your competency in specialized skills. During a clinical practicum, you will be able to use these skills in the real world. Your practicum may be completed in a variety of settings such as long-term care, mental health, community clinics and more.

Part-Time Courses

Students wanting to take the Community Paramedic Advanced Certificate program fulltime, part-time, or those who are interested in a some of the courses but not the whole program, must formally apply for admission to the program by submitting the following to Registration Services:

[Apply online](#) or complete the [Application for Admission](#) form. An application fee of \$50.00 (online) or \$75.00 (paper application) will be required. Fees are subject to change.

Admission Requirements

- Current Paramedic License
- Primary Care Paramedic or Advanced Care Paramedic certification from an accredited program or equivalent
- Verification of 2011 National Occupational Competency Profile for Paramedics training (Paramedic Association of Canada, 2011) *
- Minimum two year work related experience (you must provide verification of your work experience)
- CPR Health Care Provider 'C' AED or equivalent
- English Language Requirement

Once accepted into the program students can take the program courses full-time (over 30 weeks), or take courses part-time (with up to 4 years to complete the program), or take the online courses that interest them with no obligation to complete the program.

Currently there are three individual online courses from the Community Paramedic Advanced Certificate program available to be taken by part-time students. These three courses include:

- Geriatric Care GERI 100
- Community Assessment HLTH 103
- Palliative Care PALL 100

More information about these courses and when they are offered this year can be found on the next page. Additional program courses will be offered on a part-time basis in the 2018-2019 academic year.

COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC ADVANCED CERTIFICATE COURSES

Geriatric Care (GERI 100CE) – 30 Hours, 2 Credits

You will focus on the principles of geriatric assessment and care. You will study dementia patient care, housing options available to geriatrics and the use of various assessment tools. You will participate in labs and online discussions designed to help you develop the skills required to provide care to a geriatric patient. Upon completion of this course you will receive a certificate of participation in Gentle Persuasive Approach.

PIC: TBD April 30 – May 31, 2018

Online Delivery

Tuition: \$600

Additional Costs: Gentle Persuasive Approach (GPA) text. Approximate cost \$90

Community Assessment (HLTH 103CE) – 45 Hours, 3 Credits

You will perform a community assessment by identifying community services available, health status, demographics and current gaps in health services. You will use your results to design a plan for implementation of a community paramedic.

PIC: TBD June 1 – June 29, 2018

Online Delivery

Tuition: \$650

Additional Costs:

Palliative Care (PALL 100CE) – 30 Hours, 2 Credits

You will focus on the process of dying and the impact it has on a palliative patient's family. You will study palliative patient care and the strategies used to assist health care workers when providing care to a palliative patient. You will participate in labs and online discussions to help you develop the skills required to provide care to a palliative patient.

PIC: TBD February 26 – March 29, 2018

Online Delivery

Tuition: \$600

Additional Costs: Pallium Palliative ebook, 2nd Edition Approximate Cost is \$25

Courses in development for 2018/2019 academic year

Chronic Disease Management (HLTH 101CE) – 45 Hours, 3 Credits

You will study the pathophysiology of common disease processes. You will focus on the management of diabetes, chronic pain, cancer and respiratory and cardiac disorders. You will also study culture and ethnicity and the care of special needs patients. You will participate in labs and online discussions designed to help develop the skills required to assess and assist a patient in their chronic disease management.

Community Paramedic Role and Prevention Strategies (HLTH 102CE) - 45 Hours, 3 Credits

You will study the role of a community paramedic as both members of a health care team and in health promotion. You will focus on determinants of health, the concepts of primary health care and how health care services are delivered. You will also explore the different health related community resources and housing options available. You will participate in online discussions to help you to better understand the role of a community paramedic.

Mental Health and Addictions (MHA 100CE) – 45 Hours, 3 Credits

You will study mental health disorders, chemical dependency and how the effects of stigma can impact a patient. You will examine detoxification management and practice motivational interviewing. You will participate in labs and online discussions to help you develop the skills required to provide care to mental health or chemically dependent patients.:

Specialized Therapeutics (HLTH 100CE) – 45 Hours, 3 Credits

NOTE: This course has a one week on-campus component which must be taken just prior to PRAC 113CE. You will study advanced assessments and focus on the skills involved in community patient care. You will study the fundamentals of safe specimen collection and immunizations. You will participate in labs and online discussions that will help you to develop the skills necessary for assessing and providing care for patients specific to home health, wound care, phlebotomy and immunizations. Upon completion of this course you will receive a statement of achievement in phlebotomy, spirometry and Transportation of Dangerous Goods.

Prerequisites(s): GERI 100, HLTH 101, HLTH 102, HLTH 103, MHA 100, PALL 100

Community Paramedic Practicum (PRAC 113CE) – 210 Hours, 14 Credits

You will participate in a clinical practicum placement with a preceptor. This placement will take place in a variety of community-based client care facilities. You will conduct assessments, develop plans, and care for patients in the community including palliative, mental health, substance abuse, home health, geriatric and dementia patients. You will practice effective communication and function as an effective team member while complying with relevant legislation. This practicum will allow you to apply all skills and knowledge gained in the previous Community Paramedic courses.

Prerequisites(s): GERI 100, HLTH 100, HLTH 101, HLTH 102, HLTH 103, MHA 100, PALL 100

COURSE DELIVERY

If you are a first time Saskatchewan Polytechnic student, within a few days after you register for your first course you will be emailed a username and password to the email you provided when you registered.

If you already have a Sask Polytech account, your username and password will remain the same. If you do not remember your login information, call the Helpdesk to retrieve your username and password at 1-888-733-5333 (you will be required to provide your 9-digit Sask Polytech student ID).

Students will be able to access the online course materials no later the start date of the course, but often can access the material a week or so prior to the course start date.

ACCESSING MYSASKPOLYTECH

Your student account can be accessed on mySaskPolytech. From mySaskPolytech, you can also access your **email**, transcripts, tax forms, tuition fee information, enrolment verification, and more.

1. Go to mysaskpolytech.ca
2. Enter your username and password
3. You now have access your student account information

ACCESSING COURSES

All students taking print distance or online courses will use Sask Polytech's online learning platform called Brightspace.

1. Go to online.saskpolytech.ca
2. Enter your username and password
3. Select your course from the dropdown menu at the top left hand side of the webpage (note that your email is accessible from the envelope icon on the right)



4. If you are taking a fully online course you will now have access to course content, resources, grades, announcements, and anything your instructor may post.
5. If you are taking a print distance course you will not have access to electronic information posted by instructors to assist you with your course.

Note: you will also be able to access your courses from mySaskpolytech by selecting the *myCourses* icon. Login to Brightspace to access your Continuing Education courses, resources, grades, announcements, e-mail, and more. Instructors will only communicate with students through their Sask Polytech email. Please check it often.

RETRIEVE YOUR USERNAME AND PASSWORD

A username and password is required to login to Brightspace and mySaskPolytech. If you do not know your username and password, please contact the HelpDesk at 1-888-733-5333 (your 9-digit student ID will be required).

Monday to Thursday 7:30 am – 9:00 pm
Friday 7:30 am – 4:30 pm
Saturday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

If you **do not know your student number**, it will be listed on the course Registration Receipt, or you may contact Registration Services at 1-866-467-4278.

BOOKSTORE

Course materials may need to be purchased from the bookstore.

- **Online:** bookstore.saskpolytech.ca/saskatoon/
- **Call:** 1-866-569-8398 (Monday to Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm) Visa or Mastercard accepted
- **In-Person:** 1130 Idylwyld Drive N., Saskatoon (Mon. to Fri. 8:15 am – 4:00 pm; Wed. opens at 9:30 am)

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