

Community Paramedic

The **Community Paramedic (CP)** course is a 256-hour course approved by the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services which includes 64 hours of hospital clinical and 60 hours of internship on an approved CPR response vehicle. The course provides the information and experience necessary to prepare the paramedic student to assist in the quality of life through the process of addressing minor chronic health related problems. Community Paramedics respond to non-critical patient needs with the goal of treating patients in-home and keeping them out of the Emergency Department when possible. Examples of patient care Community Paramedics handle include foley catheter change, wound care, central lines, ostomy care, wellness education, and end-of-life care.

The course will cover, but is not limited to:

- Expanded patient assessment
- Drawing in home lab values
- Utilizing Doppler ultrasound
- Obtaining cultures for evaluation of infections
- Treating patients in their home with specialty needs i.e. central lines, ostomy care, urinary catheters, trach care, etc.
- Wound care assessment
- Wellness education and resource allocation
- Addressing chronic care issues
- Addressing end of life care

The Community Paramedic program is ideal for paramedics who are drawn to compassionate patient care, building relationships with patients, and acting as a liaison between patients and health and welfare service providers.

NOTE: The Community Paramedic (CP) program is available to licensed paramedics with at least three years of full-time ems advanced level experience, with a letter of recommendation from an affiliated healthcare provider and/or current healthcare employer.