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BCCTPC Announces the Launch of the Certified Community Paramedic (CP-C®) Exam

December 17, 2015 -- The Board for Critical Care Transport Paramedic Certification (BCCTPC), announces the launch of the Certified Community Paramedic (CP-C®) Exam. The exam creates a psychometrically valid and legally defensible measure of knowledge for all paramedics practicing in either a community paramedic or mobile integrated health model in the U.S. This exam process will validate the essential knowledge and judgment required for safe and competent practice and allows programs to establish a baseline for competency of providers. The CP-C® exam marks the fourth specialty certification exam developed by the BCCTPC since 2000.

Community Paramedicine is an emerging healthcare delivery model that increases access to basic services through the use of specially trained emergency medical service (EMS) providers in an expanded role. Community Paramedics care for patients at home or in other non-urgent settings outside of a hospital under the supervision of a physician or advanced practice provider. Community Paramedics can expand the reach of primary care and public health services by using EMS personnel to perform patient assessments. Over the past decade, local healthcare gaps around the U.S. and internationally have been filled through Community Paramedic programs that use EMS personnel to fill gaps in the healthcare system, particularly in round-the-clock management of non-acute illnesses, mental health issues, and chronic care follow-up needs. The Community Paramedic is ideally suited to provide better care for the community through non-emergency interaction with patients in the community, integration and coordination with a variety of needed services and improved patient navigation. Community Paramedic services will help reduce unnecessary trips to the emergency department, reduce readmission to the hospital, improve the patient's quality of life and decrease overall healthcare costs.

"When this project was initially presented to the BCCTPC Board, we were excited about opportunity to develop such an important benchmark for Community Paramedics and at the same time embark on a project that was outside the critical care focus of our other exams," said BCCTPC Chair Graham Pierce.

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Almost two years in development, the BCCTPC together with industry subject matter experts from across the United States executed a job analysis survey to guide the exam construction process that resulted in the successful validation of an examination that not only will standardize the body of knowledge of the Community Paramedic, but will establish a benchmark of excellence that Community Paramedics can achieve to demonstrate their commitment to providing the best specialized paramedic care possible.

Similar to the other exams offered by the BCCTPC, the CP-C® exam was developed working with Applied Measurement Professionals, Inc. (AMP), who is our partner and an expert in psychometric consultation, testing and measurement. The exam is in accordance with the current professional and governmental standards for test development, as established by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies, the National Organization for Competency Assurance, and the National Council on Measurement in Education.

The expectation for the CP-C® exam candidate is competency in four main subject areas that include 1. Community Based Needs, 2. Interdisciplinary Collaboration, 3. Patient Centric Care and 4. Preventive Care & Education. Completion of a specialized training program and work-experience in the Community Paramedic setting is necessary to be successful. A detailed content outline is available at www.bcctpc.org.

The CP-C® exam is administered via web and computer-based formats and is available at designated testing centers worldwide. The BCCTPC also administers paper/pencil exams at national conferences and at host sites. Registration for the CP-C® exam opens January 4, 2016, with additional information and registration online at www.bcctpc.org or by calling (978) 770-4400. Eligibility requirements dictate that exam candidates have a valid paramedic license and they must provide proof of completion of a recognized Community Paramedic program.

About The Board for Critical Care Transport Paramedic Certification:

The mission of the BCCTPC is to provide certification exams that are an objective, fair, and honest validation of specialty paramedic knowledge. The BCCTPC, a non-profit organization, was formed to develop and administer certification examinations for paramedics. Our Certified Flight Paramedic (FP-C®), Certified Critical Care Paramedic (CCP-C®) and Certified Tactical Paramedic (TP-C®) examinations are now well established and have become a recognized standard for clinical competency by medical providers in the United States, Europe, South Africa and the Middle East.

The Certified Community Paramedic exam was developed in cooperation with:



The North Central EMS Institute pioneered the development and ongoing maintenance of the internationally standardized Community Paramedic curriculum. The Institute has provided the curriculum free of charge to over 250 colleges in 12 countries.



The mission of The Paramedic Foundation is to advance paramedicine globally. TPF is a provider of Community Paramedic continuing education and is jointly developing version 4 of the Community Paramedic curriculum with the North Central EMS Institute.

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