Paramedics provide rapid, emergency medical response and specialised transportation to the community. The role of a paramedic is varied, and each day a paramedic may respond to a number of call outs. Not all of these will be emergencies, as a paramedic’s work also consists of non-life threatening cases, transporting elderly patients and patients who have scheduled hospital treatments.

Why choose this course?
This course was Queensland’s first degree in paramedic science and our established partnerships ensure you will complete extensive placements with the Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS). Your first placement begins at the end of your first year of study. We offer placements in metropolitan and regional centres throughout Queensland, as well as opportunities to travel overseas and work on shift with paramedics in other ambulance services. In recent years our students have travelled to China, the United Kingdom, and Vanuatu.

QUT students develop leadership skills and learn how to manage critical situations under pressure with scenario-based training alongside other emergency service providers, including the Queensland Fire and Emergency Service and the Australian Army.

On campus, you will learn in facilities that feature life-sized ambulance simulators, human patient simulators, and multi-casualty sites that imitate a building collapse, car accident or explosion. You will develop an appreciation of anatomical variability, pathology and effective medical communication with the opportunity to work with cadaveric material.

Assumed knowledge
Before you start this course we assume you have sound knowledge in these areas

- English

We assume that you have knowledge equivalent to four semesters at high school level (Years 11 and 12) with sound achievement (4, SA).

Career outcomes
Graduates may be employed as an ambulance paramedic with the QAS, and national and international agencies. They may complete further study for a career as a critical care paramedic.

Daniel Pincus
Real graduate

‘Living and working in London is awesome, and I love how close Europe is. Being a paramedic is challenging and QUT helped me get here. With real world courses and hands-on training – that made a real difference.’
Bachelor of Paramedic Science

care paramedic or for careers in health service management, public health, or emergency and disaster management.

Double degrees
Expand your career opportunities even further by pairing this degree with one in nursing.

Professional recognition
This course is currently accredited by the Council of Ambulance Authorities. Graduates are eligible to apply for registration with the Paramedicine Board of Australia and for membership with Paramedics Australasia.

Fees
HECS-HELP
You may be eligible for HECS-HELP, a loan scheme to help you pay your course fees. If you are an Australian citizen or hold an Australian permanent humanitarian visa. For other conditions read the HECS-HELP information.

Student Services and Amenities Fee
You’ll need to pay the student services and amenities fee as part of your course costs. You may be eligible for SA-HELP, a loan scheme to help you pay your student services and amenities fee, if you are an Australian citizen or hold an Australian permanent humanitarian visa. For other conditions read the SA-HELP information.

Additional Costs
There are requirements that you will need to meet as a student in this course. Some of these requirements have associated costs. Information is available from the Additional course requirements and costs website.

Scholarships
You can apply for scholarships to help you with study and living costs.

- QUT Excellence Scholarship (Academic)
- Equity scholarships scheme
- QUT Sport Scholarship (Elite Athlete)

Course requirements
There are requirements that you will need to meet as a student in this course. You will need to identify these requirements and ensure you allow sufficient time to meet them. Some of these requirements have associated costs.

Blue card: You must undergo a criminal history check for working with children and be issued with a suitability card (blue card) before commencing clinical placement/practicum in an organisation where they may work with children or young people.

The processing of your application may take several months so you must submit your blue card application to HiQ as early as possible to ensure you have your card before you begin any unit that requires contact with children. There is no charge for student blue cards. Students who already have a blue card must register it with QUT.

Information is available from the Additional course requirements and costs website.

International student entry
This course is not available for entry to international students.