Bachelor of Paramedic Science - Graduate Entry

Paramedics in the healthcare industry 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 offers a pathway for applicants with a bachelor degree. Students are awarded the equivalent of one year of advanced standing (credit) and complete the course in two years of full-time study.

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.

Entry requirements

Academic entry requirements
A completed recognised bachelor degree (or equivalent) in medical science or a health science field in the past ten years.
If you have completed your degree more than ten years ago you must provide evidence of graduate work experience and/or further studies since course completion with your

Accurate as at 19/12/2019. For the latest information see:
QTAC application to receive further consideration.

Completed graduate diplomas, masters and/or doctorates are the accepted equivalents.

**Selection ranks**
You will be considered solely on the basis of selection ranks from your prior degree studies plus any postgraduate studies you may have undertaken. Other qualifications and experiences may be allocated selection ranks for entry to other QUT courses, but will not be considered for this course.

**Automatic advanced standing (credit)**
If admitted to the graduate entry program you will automatically receive one year of advanced standing which will entitle you to complete the degree in two years (full time).

**Careers and 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 or for careers in health service management, public health, or emergency and disaster management.

**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 and the Australian and New Zealand College of Paramedicine.

**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.

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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.

Note: Graduate entry students undertake a compulsory, comprehensive program during Orientation Week to ensure they are well prepared to complete studies in the final two years of the course.

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