

PARAMEDIC PRACTICE BSc(HONS)



University of Brighton

About this course

- Our Paramedic Practice degree is an exciting and challenging course that offers you the opportunity to develop the knowledge and skills required to work as a paramedic in today's NHS.
- Reshaping of the emergency services has led to new roles for paramedics. This course will prepare you to work in a range of challenging environments; interact with the public and other emergency staff and services and to contribute to the future development of out of hospital care.
- Practice placements with the South East Coast Ambulance Trust and in a variety of other healthcare settings will allow you to gain a broad range of experiences. Placement settings may include, for example, ambulance stations and ambulance vehicles, operating theatres and other specialist hospital departments, intensive care units, accident and emergency departments, and specialist ambulance services.
- Strong personal and academic support will help you to succeed. You will be allocated a personal tutor to oversee your progress and while on placement you will work under the supervision of a practice placement educator.
- You will also develop transferable skills that will open the door to other career opportunities both inside and outside the caring professions.

Becoming a paramedic

- Each year about one in twenty of us use the accident and emergency ambulance service.
- Paramedics are the senior ambulance service healthcare professionals at an accident or a medical emergency. Often one of the first healthcare professionals on the scene, they will assess the patient's condition and take potentially life-saving decisions about any treatment needed before the patient is transferred to hospital. They then start providing the treatment, with the assistance of the emergency care assistant or ambulance technician.
- Working as a paramedic, no two days are the same, you'll operate in different locations and need to think on your feet to deal with the diverse challenges that you will face. Paramedics work with patients, families and communities in primary care, acute and critical care settings.
- A defining feature of paramedic care is that it is always available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year with a focus on meeting people's immediate emergency care needs.
- Qualified paramedics are increasingly found at the heart of multidisciplinary teams working with other practitioners such as doctors and nurses.
- Career paths in the modern NHS Ambulance Trusts include specialist practice, teaching, management and research. As a practitioner you can combine a number of roles and remain directly involved in client care as your career progresses.



Eloise Lindenberg
Paramedic Practice BSc(Hons),
third year

I find the opportunity to be there for and to help people from all walks of life, with all sorts of needs, to be both a privilege and tremendously fulfilling.

The job makes me proud of who I am and what I do, as an individual and as a small part of the vast team responsible for a patient's care – and there's no beating that!

I love studying at Brighton too; the facilities, teaching and support being absolutely top class, and instrumental in getting my new career underway.

The views from campus, looking out over the lovely South Downs, make coming in to class just that much nicer too!

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This course, developed in partnership with the South East Coast Ambulance Trust, aims to produce confident paramedic practitioners who are able to make professional judgements and deliver best practice to clients.

The programme runs over three years, with a 50:50 split between theory and practice, and a strong focus on clinical skills. The first year will set the foundation in basic physical and behavioural sciences. Each year also consists of a practice-based module which will be assessed through a portfolio of practice assessment.

In years 2 and 3 you will be taught the principles of assessment, care delivery, evidence-based practice and research, and the transition to registered paramedic practice. You will have the opportunity to apply theory to practice within various practice settings.

In the third year you will also have the opportunity to apply for a placement with one of our European partners.

In the university setting, teaching methods include:

- practical classes and the presentation of clinical skills scenarios
- simulation exercises at a high-specification simulation apartment
- lectures and tutorials
- student and staff-led seminars
- study packs, reading lists, guided and annotated reading
- computer-aided learning and web-based teaching
- discussion groups
- enquiry-based learning.

Within the practice environment, teaching methods include shadowing, role modelling, demonstration, observation, practice under supervision, reflective dialogue and and hi-fidelity simulation exercises with other members of the emergency services.

Professional accreditation

On successful completion of the Paramedic Practice BSc(Hons) you will be eligible to apply for registration with the Health and Care Professions Council.



Person profile

You will need to demonstrate these qualities to succeed as a paramedic:

- strong communication skills and a warm, caring and friendly personality
- enthusiasm, motivation and commitment to your chosen profession
- the confidence and maturity to meet the emotional and personal challenges of your professional studies.

For more information

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Key facts

UCAS Code B780

Typical entry requirements

A Level grades ABB
(320 UCAS tariff points).

Required subjects

A Science/Social science A-level is desirable and the GCSE profile must include a Science/Social science.

Other suitable qualifications

A wide range of other qualifications will be considered including: Access to Health and Social Care Diploma with 60 credits overall, 45 at level 3, 15 at level 2. with 30 distinction grades achieved at L3. GCSE English and Maths equivalent achieved or 6 credits at Level 3; BTEC National Diploma in a health related subject – DDM; Open University K101.

Other entry requirements

Offers are conditional upon satisfactory health and fitness for practice screening, references, residency, eligibility for funding and literacy and numeracy assessment. All applicants must hold a full clean (no points) C1 UK driving licence. Recent study is also desirable and all students must have a minimum of 10 years education.

All offers will be subject to Occupational Health and CRB clearance. Admission to the programme is subject to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (1974) Section 4 (2) (Exemptions) Order 1975 and DHSS Circular HC (88)9 guidelines regarding police checks and child protection. Students will be required to be ISA registered. For more information on ISA registration visit www.isa.gov.org.uk. Candidates will also need a satisfactory level of fitness to pass the South East Coast Ambulance Trust fitness test.



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