



Bachelor of Clinical Practice (Paramedic)



What is CSU's Bachelor of Clinical Practice (Paramedic)?

The Bachelor of Clinical Practice (Paramedic) at Charles Sturt University (CSU) offers you a rewarding, fast-paced, ever-changing career that makes a difference to people's lives. You will acquire the knowledge and skills to apply to work as a paramedic in any state of Australia.

The degree has been developed in consultation with ambulance industry representatives from New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania and other states and territories, and is accredited with the Council of Ambulance Authorities.

Where will this course take me?

Graduates work professionally in paramedic occupations in both the public and private sector.

Paramedics can gain employment on mine sites, oil rigs and with private agencies attending sporting venues, music festivals and private functions. Increasingly, paramedics are becoming more involved in the primary health care system by working in remote clinics and hospitals as well as fulfilling mobile extended care paramedic roles.

Graduates of this course may also choose to complete postgraduate study to enhance their skills. CSU offers a Postgraduate Certificate in EMS Leadership and Management, Postgraduate Certificate in Intensive Care Paramedic Studies, Master of Health Science and Master of Health Services Management.

What will I learn?

The Bachelor of Clinical Practice (Paramedic) comprises 24 subjects including anatomy and physiology, paramedic clinical studies, law and ethics, advanced pharmacology, health service management, major incident management and research.

Students develop skills in clinical procedures such as advanced cardiac life support, basic and advanced airway management, the assessment and management of trauma patients, childbirth and neonatal resuscitation, and advanced life support for paediatric patients.

Students learn the principles of major incident management, emergency preparedness, health promotion and injury prevention, epidemiology and medical research, as well as ethics and the social sciences.

Industry recognition

This course is taught in conjunction with the Ambulance Service of NSW (ASNSW) and is accredited across Australia by the Council of Ambulance Authorities.

Some reasons for studying Clinical Practice (Paramedic) at CSU:

- graduates will be able to pursue a rewarding and fast-paced career in emergency health care
- an accelerated program is available to allow students to gain paid employment with the Ambulance Service of NSW from the start of their third year of study
- students will learn practical skills using state-of-the-art equipment and simulation facilities on campus.





Michelle Phillips
Bachelor of Clinical Practice
(Paramedic) graduate

"This course has definitely prepared me for the workforce. I have made many friends and have a strong relationship with a number of lecturers who have been great mentors. I respect and value their professionalism, experience and guidance.

"I have enjoyed studying at CSU and recommend it to anyone considering university."

Alan Morrison
Education Manager,
Ambulance Service of NSW

"It is important that paramedics are well equipped and educated to provide high quality patient care to the community.

"Completing the CSU Bachelor of Clinical Practice (Paramedic) degree provides an excellent foundation for meeting the challenges of being a paramedic and we are keen to see graduates from the course join us."

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Facilities

This course involves extensive practical experience to ensure graduates are confident when they start working. On campus facilities for this course include fully equipped laboratories, modern tutorial rooms, interactive lecture rooms and state-of-the-art pre-hospital care equipment. A new Simulation Centre, opening in November 2011, provides paramedics exposure to high fidelity patient simulators and the opportunity to work in interprofessional teams with nurses and other health professionals.

CSU provides teaching materials that are relevant, up-to-date and meet the standards set by accrediting bodies. Students also have access to qualified and experienced teaching staff.

Workplace learning

You will complete six weeks (240 hours) of clinical placements in appropriate healthcare settings during this course. You will be responsible for any travel and accommodation costs relating to workplace learning experiences.

Scholarships

There are two scholarships available for first year students, donated by RACI Australian National Chemistry Quiz, worth \$1,000 each. Scholarships are also available through CSU. For more information, visit: www.csu.edu.au/scholarships

Credit

Credit will be considered where it can be demonstrated that previous study matches specified subjects in the program.

Credit for prior learning and credit for current competencies will be granted to eligible applicants. Qualified paramedics or medics serving in a full-time capacity in the Australian Defence Forces and related allied health care professionals with appropriate experience and qualifications are invited to apply for credit for prior learning. Credit will be assessed on an individual basis.

Accelerated Paramedic Pathway program

CSU and the Ambulance Service of NSW have established a program designed to fast track entry into the paramedic profession. The Accelerated Paramedic Pathway program guarantees students employment with the Ambulance Service of NSW while studying the third year of CSU's Bachelor of Clinical Practice (Paramedic).

The accelerated program provides students with the opportunity to:

- start applying the knowledge and skills learnt in the first two years in the real world during their third year of study
- gain paid employment and other financial support while studying and well before graduation
- achieve recognition as a qualified paramedic after only three years of study.

Study by distance education

Students already employed as qualified paramedics, registered nurses or medics in the Army, Navy or Air Force can choose to study this course by distance education.

CSU provides an excellent range of support tools for distance education students with course materials designed to engage and promote active thinking and participation.

Materials include pre-prepared week-long schedules, study modules containing activities designed to encourage participants to apply ideas to their work place, assignments designed to test the mastery and application of course materials, resource materials containing interesting, practical or contentious views, and computer based education packages.

Lecturers are committed to ensuring they are readily available to assist students by direct telephone and email contact. Online forums are also strongly encouraged and form part of the coursework enabling direct and instant contact with staff and other students.