

Bachelor of Clinical Practice (Paramedic)



CSU's Bachelor of Clinical Practice (Paramedic) offers you a rewarding, fast-paced career that makes a difference to people's lives. You will acquire the knowledge and skills to work as a qualified paramedic (ambulance officer) in the pre-hospital care environment in any state of Australia and overseas.

The degree has been developed in consultation with ambulance industry representatives from NSW and other states and territories. It has received the formal endorsement of the Ambulance Service of NSW and accreditation by the Council of Ambulance Authorities.

Graduate opportunities exist with ambulance services throughout Australia, with the defence forces as medics, and with overseas paramedical organisations.

The course is offered full-time on Bathurst Campus and by distance education to students already employed as qualified paramedics or medics in the Army, Navy, Air Force or to registered nurses working in acute care.

ENTRY PREREQUISITES

School leavers can apply for entry with selection based on their UAI score (or recognised equivalent) and responses to a pre-hospital care questionnaire. Assumed knowledge includes any two units of English while chemistry and biology are recommended studies. School TAFE elective subjects such as Medical Terminology are also recommended.

SPECIAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Special admission to the full-time course is available for non school leavers, educationally disadvantaged and others who are ineligible for ordinary admission as school leavers.

COURSE STRUCTURE

The course comprises 22 subjects including the following areas of study: anatomy and physiology, clinical studies, law and ethics, health service management and advanced pharmacology.

THE LATEST FACILITIES

To make sure you are experienced in using the equipment and techniques found in the workplace, our facilities include practice teaching laboratories with the latest equipment needed for treating patients in the pre-hospital care environment.

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

Students spend up to four hours each week practising their clinical skills in a simulated paramedic environment.

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

Clinical placements in appropriate healthcare settings are undertaken with internal students placed with an ambulance service for six weeks during the course. Distance education students already working in industry undertake clinical placement in hospitals and are supervised in the emergency department, theatre and other critical care settings.

ACCELERATED PARAMEDIC PATHWAY PROGRAM

CSU and the Ambulance Service of NSW have established a new 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) by distance education.

For more information about the program and its selection criteria visit: www.csu.edu.au/courses/undergraduate/paramedic

BACHELOR OF NURSING / BACHELOR OF CLINICAL PRACTICE (PARAMEDIC)

CSU also offers a four-year double degree, Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Clinical Practice (Paramedic), that provides graduates with the flexibility to practise as both a nurse and a paramedic. For more information about the double degree visit:

www.csu.edu.au/courses/undergraduate/nursing_clinical_practice

POSTGRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of CSU's Bachelor of Clinical Practice (Paramedic), Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Clinical Practice (Paramedic), or other relevant undergraduate degrees can apply for the following postgraduate courses:

- Postgraduate Certificate in Intensive Care Paramedic Studies
www.csu.edu.au/courses/postgraduate/intensive_care_paramedic
- Master of Health Science
www.csu.edu.au/courses/postgraduate/health_science_master

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