

# NURSES CAN BE PARAMEDICS TOO

## BACHELOR OF HEALTH SCIENCE – PARAMEDIC

COURSE CODE: HBPX VTAC CODE: 43031

## NURSING – PARAMEDIC PATHWAY



The course is designed as a basic entry requirement into the paramedic profession. Successful completion of the course will provide participants with the competencies required for a Qualified Ambulance Paramedic.

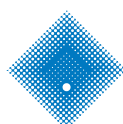
Paramedic Sciences at Victoria University has its origins dating back to 1995 when it began offering Victoria's first University Bachelor of Health Science (Paramedic) degree preparing ambulance for professional practice.

The course aims to produce graduates who can:

- Identify, evaluate and manage the physical, psychological and social needs of patients and members of the community undergoing paramedic assessment, treatment and transport and apply problem solving skills when planning and implementing out-of-hospital care;
- Perform paramedic skills and techniques within paramedic guidelines and apply paramedic knowledge necessary for safe, efficient and effective practice within paramedic environments;
- Interpret the paramedic needs of patients and members of the community within a holistic framework and apply an integrated holistic approach in paramedic practice;
- Perform effectively and safely as an independent person and as a member of a health care team in paramedic environments;
- Be sensitive to contemporary issues within socially and culturally diverse communities and predict and respond effectively to such issues when providing paramedic practice;
- Examine current research and developments in paramedic practice and evaluate their implications for paramedics and the profession.

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## WHERE DO I STUDY?

The course is offered at the St Albans campus.

## WHAT DO I GET WHEN I FINISH STUDY?

When you graduate, you would obtain clinical practice skills, knowledge and personal attributes necessary for employment as a paramedic. The practical skills, knowledge and attributes will provide you with a competitive advantage for selection and promotion in the paramedicine career pathways.

As a graduate, you are eligible to apply for membership of the Australian College of Ambulance Professionals.

## WHAT IS THE COURSE STRUCTURE AND WHAT IS INVOLVED?

Pre-entry to the course requires successful completion of a three week Bridging Course to be conducted annually, during summer school. The remainder of the course will be conducted on campus either part time for a duration of two years, or full time for the duration of one year.

**MODE 1:** Part-time (2 years)

**FIRST YEAR: SEMESTER ONE**

Paramedic Science 1

Paramedic Clinical Practice 3

**FIRST YEAR: SEMESTER TWO**

Paramedic Science 2

Paramedic Clinical Practice 4

**SECOND YEAR: SEMESTER ONE**

Advanced Paramedic Practice 1

Advanced Pharmacology

**SECOND YEAR: SEMESTER TWO**

Major incidents

Advanced Paramedic Practice 2

**MODE 2:** Full-time (1 year)

**SEMESTER ONE:**

Paramedic Science 1

Paramedic Clinical Practice 3

Advanced Paramedic Practice 1

Advanced Pharmacology

**SEMESTER TWO:**

Paramedic Science 2

Paramedic Clinical Practice 4

Major incidents

Advanced Paramedic Practice 2

## WHAT PRE-REQUISITES DO I NEED?

You need to have a Bachelor of Nursing with eligibility for registration with the Nurses Board Victoria and successful completion of the graduate year programme and satisfactory completion of the HBPX selection interview.

You will also need to complete a Bridging Course as a pre-entry hurdle.

**Content:** Aspects of Paramedic Clinical Practice 1 and Paramedic Clinical Practice 2.

**Duration:** Three weeks (Monday to Friday, 0900 – 1600 hours). Includes assessments and clinical placements, prior to semester one.

**Clinical placements:** Minimum four shifts with an emergency ambulance service provider.

A police check is required to successfully complete the clinical placement of the course along with a medical and physical assessment at a prescribed venue.

## PATHWAYS

This course is a pathway for Division One Nurses to gain Paramedic qualification.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

Apply through VTAC:

40 Park Street, South Melbourne, 3205

Phone 03 9690 7977

Web [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)

VTAC Code: 43031

Applicants must complete a Victoria University Supplementary Information form.

Forms are available from

[www.vu.edu.au/admissions](http://www.vu.edu.au/admissions) or by emailing [admissions@vu.edu.au](mailto:admissions@vu.edu.au)

## NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Contact the Course Coordinator on phone 03 9919 2944

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