

## UNIFORMS

### REQUIREMENTS

Students are expected to maintain a high standard of dress commensurate with that expected by the Ambulance Services.

Paramedic science students are required to wear and/or carry the following prescribed uniform at all times when on clinical placement at ambulance services and non-emergency patient transport services.

### NON-EMERGENCY PLACEMENT UNIFORM

- Victoria University blue polo top;
- Navy blue trousers and black belt;
- Black leather boots without steel caps;
- Black or navy socks;
- Plain navy jumper for the cooler months; and
- Victoria University Student ID.

### EMERGENCY PLACEMENT UNIFORM

- Green protective coveralls with Victoria University logos;
- Ambulance-style wet weather pants and jacket with high visibility striping;
- Protective eye wear;
- Hard hat with reflective tape;
- Black leather boots without steel caps;
- High visibility safety vest, with reflective striping and Victoria University logos; and
- Victoria University Student ID.

Bachelor of Health Science (Paramedic) students are required to purchase green coveralls, a hard hat, safety glasses, wet weather gear, and a Victoria University blue polo top.

Diploma of Paramedical Science (Ambulance) students are required to purchase green coveralls, a hard hat, safety glasses, wet weather gear, and a Victoria University blue polo top.

Certificate III in Non-Emergency Client Transport students are required to purchase a Victoria University blue polo top and wet weather gear.

Students are required to have their full uniform before attending emergency placements. Green coveralls and wet weather gear are ordered in conjunction with the Bookshop, St Albans Campus before or during week 1 of your course. Hard hats and safety glasses are available from safety outlets and hardware stores. The remaining items are available from department stores.

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# PARAMEDIC CLINICAL PLACEMENTS

FACULTY OF HEALTH, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE



THIS BROCHURE PROVIDES DETAILS FOR THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

## **HBPX BACHELOR OF HEALTH SCIENCE (PARAMEDIC) INCORPORATES NURSING TO PARAMEDIC PATHWAY HHO 71008**

## **HLT50407 DIPLOMA OF PARAMEDICAL SCIENCE (AMBULANCE)**

## **HTL30207 CERTIFICATE III IN NON-EMERGENCY CLIENT TRANSPORT**

### **CLINICAL PLACEMENT**

#### **PURPOSE OF CLINICAL PLACEMENT**

Clinical placement is an important component in the training of the paramedic student. Students are progressively introduced to the professional responsibilities and 'on road' experiences of the ambulance paramedic. Students have first hand opportunities to observe, consolidate and extend knowledge and skills essential for the clinical care of patients in a pre-hospital environment. All clinical placements are supervised by a clinical instructor.

#### **CLINICAL UNITS**

##### **HBPX BACHELOR OF HEALTH SCIENCE (PARAMEDIC)**

There are six (6) clinical placements units in the 3-year Bachelor of Health Science (Paramedic) degree. Students are required to satisfactorily complete all placement units during the HBPX degree, and students must pass clinical assessment tasks whilst on placement in order to progress through the course.

#### **YEAR 1**

##### **HFB1112 PARAMEDIC CLINICAL PRACTICE 1 (OFFERED IN SEMESTER ONE)**

Students are required to complete a minimum of twenty (20) hours of approved clinical placements in a non-emergency environment.

##### **HFB1213 PARAMEDIC CLINICAL PRACTICE 2 (OFFERED IN SEMESTER TWO)**

Students are required to complete a minimum of sixty (60) hours of approved emergency clinical placements in a clinical setting.

#### **YEAR 2**

##### **HFB2117 PARAMEDIC CLINICAL PRACTICE 3 (OFFERED IN SEMESTER ONE)**

Students are required to complete a minimum of eighty (80) hours of approved emergency clinical placements in a clinical setting.

##### **HFB2223 PARAMEDIC CLINICAL PRACTICE 4 (OFFERED IN SEMESTER TWO)**

Students are required to complete a minimum of sixty (60) hours of approved emergency clinical placements in a clinical setting.

#### **YEAR 3**

##### **HFB3134 PARAMEDIC CLINICAL PRACTICE 5 (OFFERED IN SEMESTER ONE)**

Students are required to complete a minimum of eighty (80) hours of approved clinical placements in a clinical setting.

##### **HFB3234 PARAMEDIC CLINICAL PRACTICE 6 – EXTENDED PRACTICE (OFFERED IN SEMESTER TWO)**

Students are required to complete a minimum of sixty (60) hours of approved clinical placements in a clinical setting.

### **DIPLOMA OF PARAMEDIC SCIENCE (AMBULANCE)**

Students are required to complete up to 300 hours of clinical placements in various clinical settings including in an ambulance environment. Alternative placements that increase the experience with and exposure to different clients likely to be encountered in the Non-Emergency Patient Transport (NEPT) sector can also be arranged.

### **CERTIFICATE III IN NON-EMERGENCY CLIENT TRANSPORT**

Students are required to complete up to 150 hours of clinical placements. Students will be required to attend shifts with NEPT companies as part of the course. Alternative placements that increase the experience with and exposure to different clients likely to be encountered in the Non-Emergency Patient Transport (NEPT) sector can also be arranged.

### **CLINICAL PLACEMENT TIMING**

Although every effort will be made to roster clinical placements during semester, students should note that Victoria University may be required to roster clinical placements from January to December.

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Health Science (Paramedic) and Certificate III in Non-Emergency Client Transport (HLT30207) and Diploma of Paramedical Science (Ambulance) (HLT50407) will attend placements on a Monday to Sunday basis. Placements can occur during university non teaching periods. It is important to note that the availability and timing of placements is outside the control of Victoria University and students may need to be rostered on public holidays and during mid-semester breaks.

### **CLINICAL PLACEMENT VENUES**

The location of clinical placements is subject to availability and may occur throughout metropolitan Melbourne and rural Victoria. Students are required to pay for any costs such as travel and accommodation that may be incurred as a result of placements.

### **CLINICAL PLACEMENT CONDITIONS**

#### **ADDITIONAL COURSE AND INDUSTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Students are currently required to complete a number of mandatory industry requirements before commencing placement, to be submitted at the commencement of Semester One for each year level and must be valid to cover the entire year.

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Health Science (Paramedic), Diploma of Paramedical Science (Ambulance) and Certificate III in Non-Emergency Client Transport must undergo an annual Victoria Police Check, to be submitted at the commencement of semester 1 for each year level.

In addition, students enrolled in the Bachelor of Health Science (Paramedic) and Diploma of Paramedical Science (Ambulance) must also successfully complete a medical check and physical capacity test before commencing the clinical placement units.

Costs associated with the police check, medical check and physical capacity test are borne by the student.

#### **POLICE CHECKS**

Police checks are an industry requirement as a safeguard to the community. Students who do not provide a satisfactory Victorian Police Check prior to the commencement of the course will be denied access to all clinical placement units necessary for graduation. Failure to gain a Police clearance may also impact on the likelihood of gaining employment in the ambulance industry.

General enquiries relating to the police check process including fees payable should be directed to the Victoria Police Public Enquiry Service on (03) 9247 5907. The Victoria Police Check application form can be downloaded from the Victoria Police Web site. For further information, visit [www.police.vic.gov.au](http://www.police.vic.gov.au).

#### **MEDICAL CHECK AND PHYSICAL CAPACITY TEST**

Medical checks are an industry requirement for students attending clinical placements with Ambulance Victoria. Students must meet medical standards including the medical guidelines for the 'Assessing Fitness to Drive for Commercial and Private Vehicle Drivers 2003'. For further information visit [www.austrroads.com.au](http://www.austrroads.com.au)

For HBPX students the medical check and physical capacity test must be successfully completed by the last teaching day in semester one, year one, of your course. Students should be aware that their checks and tests are to remain current until all their clinical placement units have been satisfactorily completed. Prospective students who believe that they may have difficulties meeting or maintaining the requirements are advised to contact the Course Coordinator prior to admission.

Continuing HBPX students who do not pass the medical and physical capacity tests or lose status will be denied access to emergency clinical placement units necessary for graduation. Diploma of Paramedical Science (Ambulance) students who do not successfully completed the medical check and physical capacity test will not be permitted to attend emergency clinical placements with Ambulance Victoria. These students must see their Course Coordinators.

#### **TESTING CENTRES**

The medical checks and physical capacity tests are conducted at designated testing centres. For further information, visit the Paramedic Sciences site on the VU Web site, [www.vu.edu.au](http://www.vu.edu.au)

#### **PRE EXISTING AND NEW MEDICAL CONDITIONS**

Prospective, commencing and continuing students who are concerned about whether a medical condition such as diabetes, epilepsy, hearing and visual difficulties, meets the medical standard for clinical placement, should refer to the ambulance service Web site [www.ambulance.vic.gov.au](http://www.ambulance.vic.gov.au) or alternatively contact the Course Coordinator for clarification.