

# VICTORIA'S LIFE FORCE

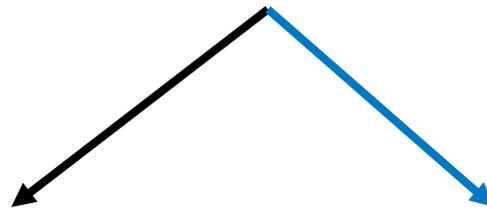
## Emergency Health Paramedic Programs

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# PARAMEDIC PROGRAMS AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

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COURSES



# BECOME AN EMERGENCY PARAMEDIC



# BACHELOR OF HEALTH SCIENCE PARAMEDIC

**COURSE CODE: HBPX**

**VTAC CODE: 43031**



# COURSE DESCRIPTION

- This course is designed as the basic entry requirement into the paramedic profession.
- Successful completion of the course will provide participants with the knowledge and skills required to be employed as an Ambulance Paramedic.



# HISTORY

- 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 began as a professional development qualification for qualified and practising ambulance paramedics.
- It is now the way to gain employment in an ambulance service in Victoria.

# COURSE AIMS (1)

The aims of this course are to produce graduates who can:

- 1) Identify, evaluate and manage the needs of patients and members of the community undergoing paramedic assessment, treatment and transport.
- 2) Perform paramedic skills and techniques within paramedic guidelines.
- 3) Interpret the paramedic needs of patients and members of the community.

# COURSE AIMS (2)

- 4) Perform effectively and safely as an independent person and as a member of a health care team in paramedic environments.
- 5) Be sensitive to contemporary issues within socially and culturally diverse communities.
- 6) Examine current research and developments in paramedic practice and evaluate their implications for paramedics and the profession.



# COURSE CONTENT

There are 24 subjects taught over three years.

The subjects are clustered around four streams:

- 1) Basic Sciences and Paramedic Sciences stream
- 2) Paramedic Sciences Theory stream
- 3) Paramedic Sciences Practice stream
- 4) Clinical Practice stream

# Basic Sciences and Paramedic Sciences Stream

These subjects place paramedic practice in the context of the health system and the sciences that explain and supports paramedic practice.

This includes the following subjects:

- **Biosciences 1, 2, & 3**
- **Healthcare Organizations**
- **Mental Health and Mental Illness**
- **Research in Paramedic Practice**



# Paramedic Sciences Theory Stream

This is the science that develops professional behaviours and the clinical sciences that underpins paramedic practice

Subjects in this area include:

- **Professional Practice 1 & 2**
- **Paramedic Clinical Sciences 1, 2, 3, & 4**



# Paramedic Sciences Practice Stream

This area of the course aims to provide information to enable paramedics to look after their own health, and identify specific requirements in specialised areas of paramedic practice.

Subjects include:

- **Pre-hospital Ethical and Legal Issues**
- **Exercise Physiology and Nutrition for Paramedics**
- **Applied Pharmacology**
- **Special Populations**
- **Mental Health & Wellbeing for Paramedics**
- **Major Incidents**



# Clinical Practice Stream

These subjects aim to produce work ready graduates by the consolidation of theory and practice.

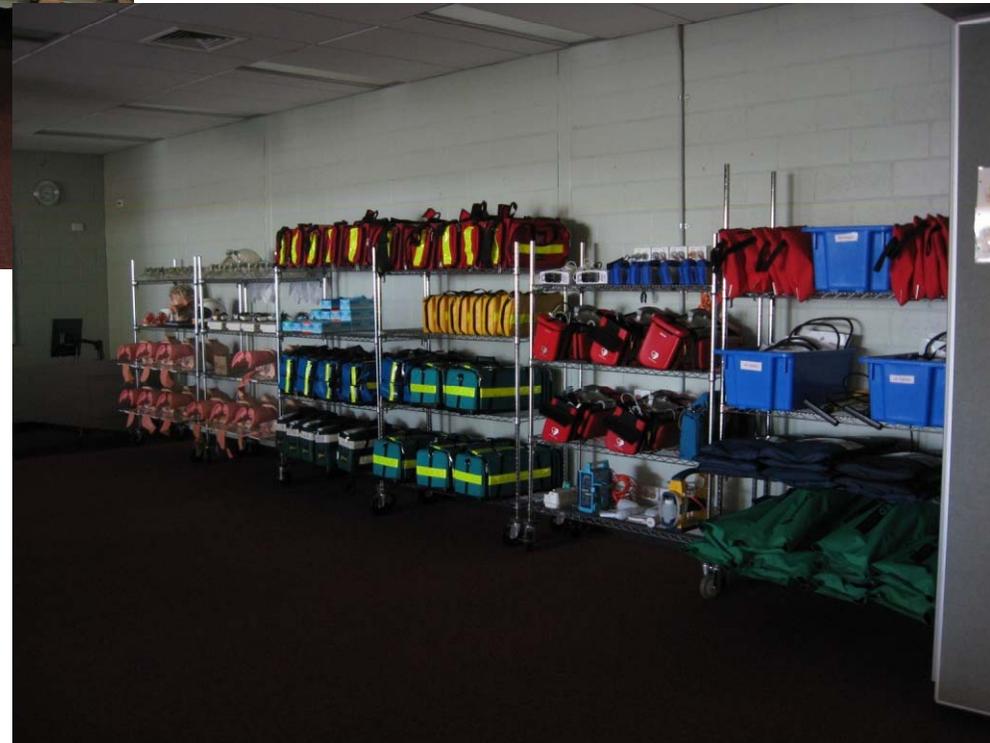
- **Paramedic Clinical Practice**

**1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6**

**(Extended Scopes)**



# Why VU?



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# Learning Paramedic Practice Scenarios

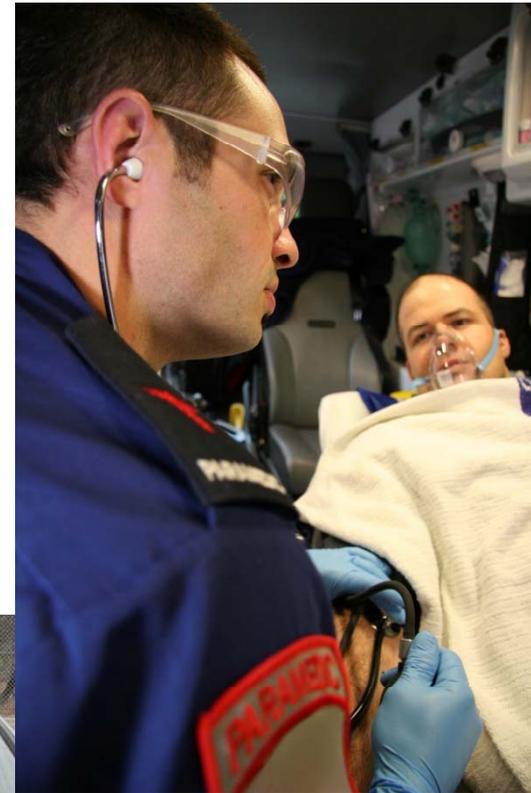
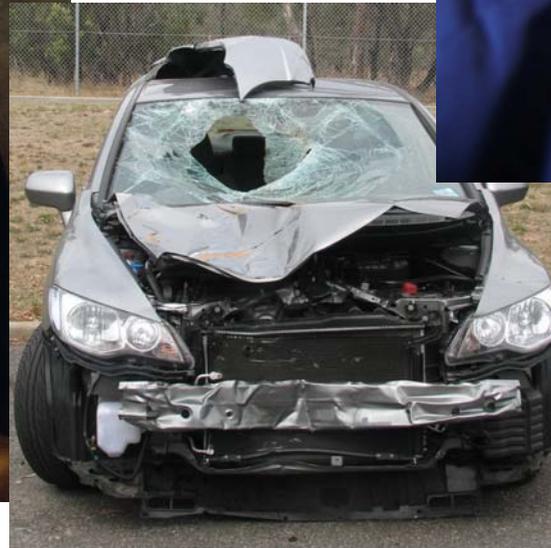


# CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Successfully graduating from the course will enable students to apply for future positions with:

- **Ambulance Victoria**
- **Ambulance services in other States;**
- **Private companies (e.g. mining); and**
- **Non-emergency patient transport sector in Victoria, providing additional driving training is undertaken.**
- **Post Graduate Study Options**

# CLINICAL PLACEMENTS



# HOW TO APPLY

- All applications are through VTAC. (Year 12 & Non-Year 12)
- Portfolio Partnership Program (PPP)
- VU Foundation Studies Programs
- Approved Pathways



# APPLICANT SELECTION

## Year 12:

- **ENTER 81+**  
(Clearly in VCE ENTER / ATAR 2010 = 80.65)  
(Clearly in VCE ENTER / ATAR 2011 = 80.20)  
Middle Band – Biology, Maths (any) or Physics

## Non-year 12 Applicants:

As Above + PI form

200 word written statement on reasons why paramedicine is a chosen career

### Five criteria:

1. Previous education / Academic History;
2. Application
3. Aptitude
4. Any experience in health care (paid or unpaid); and
5. Communication skills.



# Nursing - Paramedic Pathway

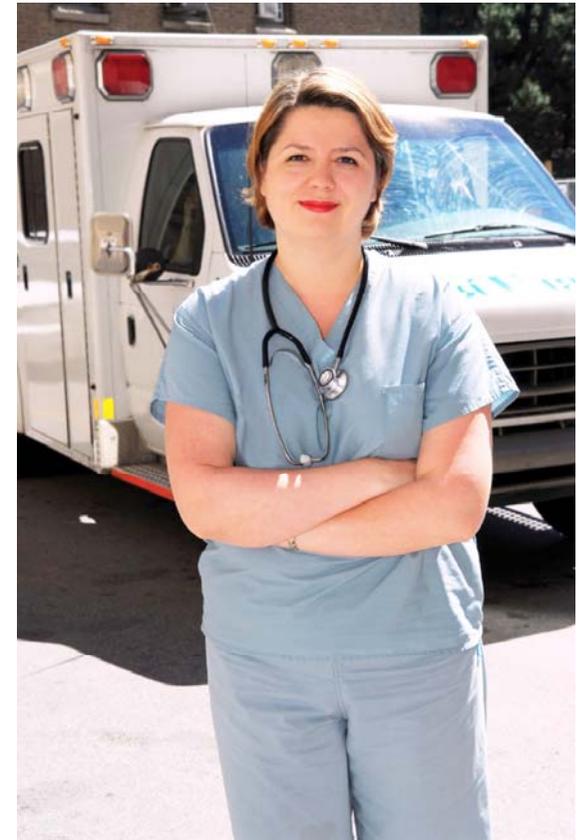
- Applications as per HBPX
- Bachelor of Health Science – Paramedic

## Pre-requisite

- Eligibility for registration as a Reg Nurse with ANMAC
- Successful completion of a graduate program
- Selection Interview

## Bridging Course

3 weeks fulltime prior to commencement of Semester 1



# BECOME A NON-EMERGENCY PARAMEDIC



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These qualifications enable graduates to work in the non-emergency ambulance field as Patient Transport Officers or Ambulance Transport Attendants.

**They also provide a pathway into the degree program**

# Certificate III Non-Emergency Client Transport

- Drive non-emergency vehicle in private sector
- 15 units of study – HLT30207 (Health Training Package)
- Approx 5 months (part time only)
- St Albans Campus
- Clinical Placements

Applications?

Direct to Victoria University - TAFE



# DIPLOMA OF PARAMEDICAL SCIENCE (AMBULANCE)

- Attends to patients in the non-emergency private sector
- 23 units of study – HLT50407 (Health Training Package)
- Approx 11 months (part time only)
- St Albans Campus
- Clinical Placements

Applications?

Direct to Victoria University - TAFE



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# QUESTIONS

