

COURSE FACTS

Faculty	Faculty of Health, Education and Life Sciences
Applications	Non-Direct Entry to Birmingham City University Admissions, Feeney Building, Perry Barr, B42 2SU. T: +44 (0)121 331 5500 E: Health.Admissions@bcu.ac.uk
Duration	One year
Cost	£7,500 per year
Location	City South Campus, Edgbaston
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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Non-Direct Entry

- Must be employed in a Trainee Paramedic role
- Be working in an appropriate area of practice
- Have the full support of your Line Manager and employer to undertake the course, including opportunities for supernumerary practice as a student paramedic
- Have access to a mentor who has received/or is prepared to receive, prior to commencement of the programme, training from Birmingham City University in regard to the specifics of the course learning outcomes, competences and requirements of the programme
- Hold IHCD Ambulance Technician Award

Evidence of literacy and numeracy (Minimum of GCSE A* to C in Mathematics and English or equivalent).

COURSE OVERVIEW

Involving a significant amount of time spent on placement, this one-year course thoroughly prepares you to practice as a paramedic and to apply for registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC). You gain the skills and awareness to perform effectively as part of an inter-professional team, as well as in independent practice.

- It aims to instil a capacity for life-long learning, crucial in being able to adapt to the changes of this dynamic area of professional practice
- You spend a minimum of 750 hours practicing as a student paramedic alternating your placements with blocks of study
- Working with paramedics brings you face-to-face with the realities of the role, giving you a unique appreciation of the professional life ahead of you

A major redevelopment has resulted in the provision of state-of-the-art facilities including new classrooms, a suite of clinical skills facilities including mock wards, simulated and home environments, a biomedical and physiology laboratory, an ambulance and the SPACE (Skills Practice and Clinical Enhancement) self-directed learning suite, fully stocked with specialist items.

COURSE CONTENT/FEATURES

You will study two modules at Level 4: Applied Anatomy and Physiology for Paramedic Science and Knowledge and Skills for Paramedic Science before moving on to your Level 5 study. Modules at Level 5 include Care of the Trauma Patient, Prehospital Coronary Care, Pharmacology for Paramedics, Negotiating Health and Social Care Needs, and Women and Children's Health.

In all, you are required to spend a minimum of 750 hours working in a clinical practice environment where you gain invaluable practical experience of the paramedic role.

You also develop the interpersonal and communication skills that complement your science-based knowledge, and which are crucial in putting your patient at ease and making you an effective collaborative member of your professional team.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment methods include written assignments, poster presentations, examinations, simulations, staged tests, workshop exams and clinical placements.

Assessment takes place throughout the year to enable you to monitor your progress and obtain appropriate support.

FURTHER STUDY

Top up degree with a range of pathways leading to a BSc (Hons) including offshore, recovery medicine and new emerging roles for paramedic practitioners.

The pathway will also enable you to enrol for individual modules if you wish to update your skills and knowledge (in a specific area) but do not wish to go on to gain an academic award. You can simply gain CATS points to put towards further study if desired.

EMPLOYABILITY

Upon registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) you will be employable in any of the emerging paramedic roles as well as the more traditional role working in an ambulance responding to 999 calls. The modern paramedic is faced with new challenges of working in a wide variety of multi professional situations where an integrated approach to primary care is needed and our course reflects this changing picture. Successful registrants will be able to work:

- in the NHS as part of a crew or
- responding in Rapid Response Vehicles as independent practitioners

The independent ambulance sector is also emerging and will employ HCPC paramedics giving opportunities to take on new tasks in areas across the UK and abroad.

Past students have gone on to work in new exciting areas such as:

- Military
- Police custody areas
- Close protection
- Prisons

There is also a requirement for off shore installations and ships to have medics on board and UK paramedics are filling these posts and finding themselves working on oil platforms in the Middle East and ships ranging from pirate patrols to cruise ships.

For those wanting to stay closer to home, the TV and film industry, motorsport event and music festival organisers all have a need for paramedics to ensure that the crew and crowds remain safe and are well cared for in case of an emergency.

These are just a few examples and as paramedics from our University and the UK continue to prove to be the world leaders in emergency practice the role will continue to develop and even more opportunities will be available.



MORE INFORMATION

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