

Course Specification

Course Summary Information				
1	Course Title		BSc (Hons) Paramedic Science	
2	BCU Course Code	UCAS Code	US0347	7B23
3	Awarding Institution		Birmingham City University	
4	Teaching Institution(s) (if different from point 3)			
5	Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB) accreditation (if applicable)		Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)	

6	Course Description
	<p>Do you want to become a Paramedic? Our BSc (Hons) Paramedic Science degree will develop your theoretical and clinical skills at university and on placement. Paramedics are highly competent health care professionals who work in a fast-paced environment to provide urgent and emergency care across a range of challenging situations.</p> <p>Upon successful completion of this course, you'll be eligible to apply for registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).</p> <p>What's covered in the course? To be a modern paramedic, you must overcome challenges, show initiative and demonstrate critically adaptive thinking, excellent communication skills and medical knowledge as the first point of contact in care provision for patients in stressful situations.</p> <p>Becoming a professional modern Paramedic you'll need to be able to think critically, react appropriately in challenging and stressful situations, have effective communication skills and also have the knowledge and skills to deliver health care across the life span. You need to be able to do all of this whilst demonstrating empathy and care towards your patients and ensure your values and professional behaviour meet those required of HCPC to become a modern paramedic.</p> <p>You will also become an effective member of the Paramedic profession by developing your medical and healthcare knowledge as well as clinical decision making skills and focusing on high quality patient centred health care. This will prepare you with the many possible career opportunities for the modern paramedic across settings such as clinical practice, education or research settings.</p> <p>Where will I study? You will study in our recently extended £71 million campus, with access to cutting-edge facilities and equipment that will enhance your skills learning. You will have access to advanced simulation facilities and environments that can re-create an emergency setting, allowing you to develop your hands-on skills right here on campus too. Our unique facilities are also useful to support you with any questions or queries before starting your real-life work placements.</p>

7	Course Awards		
7a	Name of Final Award	Level	Credits Awarded
	Bachelor of Science with Honours Paramedic Science	6	360
7b	Exit Awards and Credits Awarded		
	Certificate of Higher Education Studies Health Care	4	120
	Diploma of Higher Education Studies Health Care	5	240
	Bachelor of Science Studies Health Care	6	300

8	Derogation from the University Regulations		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> For modules with more than one item of assessment, all items of assessment must be passed in order to pass the module For modules with more than one item of assessment, resits that are allocated a grade are capped at the item level Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted Condonement of failed modules is not permitted Students must pass the 'Developing Clinical Practice' module at Level 4 in order to commence their clinical practice placements at Level 5 Students must pass the 'Advancing Clinical Practice' / 'Developing Paramedic Practice' module at Level 5 in order to commence their clinical practice placements at Level 6 The following items of assessment within each module have a higher pass threshold: 		
	Module	Item of Assessment	Pass Threshold
	Developing Clinical Practice	Numeracy Test	70% Pass Mark
	Advancing Clinical Practice	Drug calculation test	80% Pass Mark
	Refining Clinical practice	Drug Calculation Test	100% Pass Mark
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Due to limited clinical (and non-clinical) placement capacity, where students are repeating a stage of study and have previously passed the clinical and/or non-clinical placement (or placement module) they will not repeat the placement or its assessment when repeating the stage. The original mark(s) will stand and will be combined with any marks achieved during the remainder of the repeat stage to calculate the overall stage mean. Where a student has failed a clinical and/or non-clinical practice assessment in placement any offer of a repeat of the stage will be contingent on the availability of a placement and will take place at the next available opportunity, which will not necessarily be in the following academic year. As a consequence, students will not have an automatic right to repeat Level 4 (other stages are at the discretion of the PAB) it will be dependent on a further clinical placement being secured. 		

9	Delivery Patterns		
Mode(s) of Study	Location	Duration of Study	Code
Full Time	City South	3 Years	US0347

10	Entry Requirements
<p>The admission requirements for this course are stated on the course page of the BCU website at https://www.bcu.ac.uk/ or may be found by searching for the course entry profile located on the UCAS website.</p>	

11	Course Learning Outcomes
1	Become an ambitious and autonomous learner with sound academic knowledge.
2	Be a critical, rational and innovative thinker, who is confident, adaptable and capable of independent enquiry.
3	Have a wide range of intellectual and key skills, and a reflective approach to learning.
4	Be readily employable, and well-equipped for active lifelong learning and the professional world of paramedic practice.
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12b Structure Diagram

Level 4

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core PAR4013: Community Based Practice (20 credits) PAR4014: Foundations in Paramedic Practice (20 credits) PAR4015: Preparation for Paramedic Practice (20 credits) PAR4017: Introduction to Bioscience (20 credits) PAR4018 Introduction to Professional Responsibilities and Development (20 credits)	Core
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Core PAR5011: Applied Bioscience (20 credits) PAR5012: Clinical Decision Making and Diagnosis (20 credits) PAR5013: Evidence Based Practice (20 credits)	Core PAR5014: Maternity, Obstetrics and Paediatric Care (20 credits) PAR5015: Trauma and Advanced Life Support (20 credits)
Core PAR5016 Advancing Clinical Practice (20 credits)	

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Core PAR6005: Minor Injury and Illness (40 credits)	Core PAR6006: Management, Leadership and Intraprofessional Learning (20 credits)
Core PAR6007: The Application of Research and the Evidence Based Practice (40 credits) PAR6008: Refining Clinical Practice (20 credits)	

13 Overall Student Workload and Balance of Assessment

Overall student *workload* consists of class contact hours, independent learning and assessment activity, with each credit taken equating to a total study time of around 10 hours. While actual contact hours may depend on the optional modules selected, the following information gives an indication of how much time students will need to allocate to different activities at each level of the course.

- *Scheduled Learning* includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, contact time specified in timetable
- *Directed Learning* includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning
- *Private Study* includes preparation for exams

The *balance of assessment* by mode of assessment (e.g. coursework, exam and in-person) depends to some extent on the optional modules chosen by students. The approximate percentage of the course assessed by coursework, exam and in-person is shown below.

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Workload

20% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	240
Directed Learning	360
Private Study	600
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	50%
Exam	17%
In-Person	33%

Level 5

Workload

20% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	240
Directed Learning	360
Private Study	600
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	50%
Exam	33%
In-Person	17%

Level 6

Workload

12% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	140
Directed Learning	250
Private Study	810
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	50%
Exam	0
In-Person	50%