MONASH
BACHELOR OF
PARAMEDICINE
Bachelor of Paramedicine

Paramedics are at the forefront of the medical community. They provide health care for individuals experiencing a vast array of emergency and health-related events in the community, initiating care and determining appropriate referral of patients to enable their continuing health care needs. Paramedics are also required to cooperate effectively with other emergency services to respond to mass-casualty incidents in a range of situations.

This demanding, vocationally oriented specialisation will supply you with the skills to assess life-threatening situations, provide emergency care and potentially save lives.

In this course you will learn about the role of paramedics in the community and undertake practical and highly focused studies in the following areas of paramedic management:

■ trauma conditions
■ respiratory conditions
■ cardiovascular conditions
■ mental health conditions
■ complex medical conditions
■ maternal and neonatal health

You will gain core knowledge of anatomy, physiology and pharmacotherapy, as well as the role of paramedics in practice, research, education and leadership.

On completion of the Bachelor of Paramedicine, you will have the knowledge and practical advanced life support skills that are required to assess and care for patients with out-of-hospital acute emergencies and chronic conditions. You will have acquired the clinical reasoning and decision-making skills required to assess and treat a wide variety of patients in various settings.

You will also gain a professional knowledge of the Australian health care system, health across the lifespan, disease prevention, health promotion, research methods and principles of evidence-based practice as they relate to paramedic practice.

The objectives of the Bachelor of Paramedicine is connected through five themes.

The five themes within the course are:

■ clinical competency
■ patient-focused care
■ evidence-based practice
■ reflective practitioners
■ professionalism

On successful completion of the course the student will be expected to demonstrate all attributes within these themes. Details about the individual units of study within this course are available from: study.monash/courses/find-a-course

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Students will graduate with advanced life-support skills and the clinical knowledge required to assess and care for patients. Students will qualify to work as a paramedic in national and international ambulance services, private services, industry or community-based emergency health services. Following successful completion of the course, graduates will be eligible for registration by the Paramedicine Board of Australia.

DID YOU KNOW?

Our Paramedicine course is the only paramedic degree in Australia that offers hospital placements to students during their course. More so, Monash is the only Group of Eight university and the only top 100 university in the world that offers paramedicine.
DEGREE STRUCTURE

The Bachelor of Paramedicine is a three-year full-time or six-year part-time degree that provides the educational foundation required for beginning practice as a paramedic. Graduates of the Bachelor of Paramedicine will be expected to demonstrate the generic attributes of a Monash graduate, the specific attributes expected by the industry and the profession, and to have the ability to adapt to change and develop their career as leaders while making a contribution to community-based emergency health services.

CLINICAL PLACEMENTS

As part of the Bachelor of Paramedicine, students will complete supervised clinical placements with Ambulance Victoria and other health agencies. Please note that travel will be involved, as all students must undertake placements in rural or regional areas with Ambulance Victoria. Students are responsible for travel, accommodation and living expenses.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AND POLICE CHECKS

Upon enrolment, students will be required to comply with the mandatory immunisation requirements, police and working with children checks in readiness for clinical placements.

Failure to hold satisfactory checks may result in students being unable to complete their course. Visit monash.edu/medicine/study/student-services/mandatory-compliance for details.

Ambulance Victoria (AV) has stipulated that a medical and fitness examination be completed as a specific pre-requisite for clinical placements with this agency. All costs associated with the medical and fitness assessments must be met by the student.

ACADEMIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum entrance requirements
Equivalent Australian year 12 or relevant post-secondary education.

VCE prerequisites
Units 3 and 4 – a study score of at least 30 in English (ESL) or 25 in any other English and a study score of at least 22 in maths methods or specialist maths, or 25 in any other maths.

International Baccalaureate subject prerequisites
■ A score of at least 4 in English SL or 3 in English HL or 5 in English B SL or 4 in English B HL, and
■ A score of at least 4 in maths SL or 4 in math studies SL or 3 in maths HL or 3 in further maths HL.

Non-school leavers
Applicants need to meet the University’s minimum English language requirements which can be found at monash.edu/admissions/english-language-requirements

All non-school leaver applicants require a grade point average in order to be competitive in the ranking process.

PATHWAYS INTO PARAMEDICINE

If you are unsuccessful in gaining a place in the Bachelor of Paramedicine directly from Year 12 study, you are still eligible to apply in subsequent years.

To be competitive for a place, it is strongly recommended that students complete a minimum of four University level units, and achieve an average grade of at least 60+ (credit level).

Current Monash students can apply for an Internal transfer.

Please note that non-Monash students will need to apply through VTAC.

ADMISSION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Applications must be made through VTAC (www.vtac.edu.au). Course Code is M2011 (CSP) VTAC applications are for both VCE and Non-Year 12 Students.

Late Applicants/Change of Preference must first meet the above entry requirements.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Prospective students are advised that there will be additional costs associated with the course for textbooks and course support material, uniforms for clinical placements, travel, accommodation, medical and fitness assessment, living costs associated with rural clinical attachments, a Police Check and precautionary procedures (such as immunisations) that are required prior to commencing the course.
FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information visit:
study.monash/courses
monash.edu/medicine/spahc/cehpp/

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register.monash.edu/enquiry/GeneralDomEnquiry.aspx

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“The choice to study at Monash University was an easy one for me; it has the reputation of being at the forefront of Emergency Health.

The practical nature of this degree was one of the most rewarding aspects. The placement component allows for an incredible overlap between your theoretical studies and putting this into practice. It also helps you to develop additional skills – such as communication – that are difficult to teach in a classroom. As you progress through the degree, the placements become a fantastic way of challenging yourself and starting to treat patients (under the watchful eye of a qualified paramedic). Equally as rewarding, the Paramedicine staff were helpful and relatable. They all had experience as paramedics or as health professionals and were very open in sharing their experiences and pulling relevant anecdotes to assist our learning.”

MICHAEL HASTIE