

Bachelor of Paramedicine (BPSC) - BParamed

QTAC code (Australian and New Zealand applicants): Ipswich campus: 936151

CRICOS code (International applicants): 089149K

	On-campus#
Start:	Semester 1 (February)
Campus:	Ipswich
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	3 years full-time or 6 years part-time

Notes:

In 2023 the programs follows the Semester calendar. The [Academic Calendar and Important Dates](#) webpage will allow you to view and download a copy of the important dates for the Semester calendar.

Footnotes

All students must be able to meet the physical and other professional requirements of clinical practice within this program.

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Professional accreditation

The Bachelor of Paramedicine at UniSQ is accredited by the [Paramedicine Board of Australia \(PBA\)](#) and is listed as an approved program with the [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency \(AHPRA\)](#).

Professional Recognition

To gain registration as a paramedic, graduates of this program will have to satisfy registration criteria of the [Paramedicine Board of Australia \(PBA\)](#) and will also have to meet qualification and suitability standards. All standards can be found on the Paramedicine Board of Australia website: [PBA Registration Standards](#).

UniSQ is also obliged to report to AHPRA when there is a 'reasonable belief' that a student has an impairment that, when undertaking clinical training, may place the public at substantial risk of harm. Further details on mandatory reporting are available at the [AHPRA](#) website.

Program aims

The Bachelor of Paramedicine (BPSC) program provides the required knowledge, skills and professional attributes for graduates seeking to be recognised as a Registered Paramedic with the Paramedicine Board of Australia and the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

The BPSC program aims to develop higher order critical thinking skills for the synthesis of complex information to deliver safe evidence-based care within private and public healthcare systems.

This program produces career-ready paramedics who are effective communicators and collaborators that are committed to personal and professional development, ethical practice, and culturally appropriate care.

Program Rules

Students are required to:

- Satisfactorily complete 24 credit points (24 mandatory courses) as listed in the standard progression to graduate from the program.
- Satisfactorily complete all courses within 7 years.
- Maintain satisfactory academic achievement throughout the duration of the program, consistent with the UniSQ [Student Academic Progress Procedure](#).
- Meet all mandatory course requirements for all clinical placement courses as stipulated by placement providers.
- Meet the requirements for student registration according to the [Australian Health Practitioner Registration Agency \(AHPRA\)](#) for the duration of the program.
- Meet the [Inherent Requirements](#) for the Bachelor of Paramedicine.

Program objectives

Graduates who successfully complete the Bachelor of Paramedicine will be able to:

- (1) Employ profession-specific knowledge, skills and professional attributes necessary to deliver high-quality professional services as a registered paramedic;
- (2) Apply the key concepts of the biosciences and scientific enquiry in the delivery of safe evidence-based care in diverse clinical environments;
- (3) Demonstrate creative and critical thinking to make informed person-centred decisions autonomously or in collaboration with other relevant people to facilitate continuity of care;
- (4) Apply the highest professional, legal and ethical practices in a manner that is equitable and respectful across culturally diverse communities;
- (5) Operate effectively through high-quality technical, oral, and written communication skills where quality of practice is monitored, evaluated and adapted to minimise risk to patients and others.

Australian Qualifications Framework

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a single national, comprehensive system of qualifications offered by higher education institutions (including universities), vocational education and training institutions and secondary schools. Each AQF qualification has a set of descriptors which define the type and complexity of knowledge, skills and application of knowledge and skills that a graduate who has been awarded that qualification has attained, and the typical volume of learning associated with that qualification type.

This program is at AQF Qualification Level 07. Graduates at this level will have broad and coherent knowledge and skills for professional work and/or further learning.

The full set of levels criteria and qualification type descriptors can be found by visiting www.aqf.edu.au.

Program Information Set

View UniSQ's admission criteria, student profiles and a summary of all offers made under [Course Admission Information Set](#) via the QTAC website.

Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- Have achieved a minimum Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of **65.6**, or equivalent qualification.^

- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 4.

Applicants are advised to also address the following:

- [Assumed knowledge](#) expectations: English.
- Recommended Prior Study: One of Biology, Chemistry or Physics (Units 3 & 4, C) or equivalent.

Satisfaction of admission requirements does not guarantee admission. Places within the Bachelor of Paramedicine are limited by quota. Quota size is determined by the availability of clinical placements. Where the quota is filled, no further places will be offered.

All students are required to satisfy the applicable [English language requirements](#).

If students do not meet the English language requirements they may apply to study a University-approved [English language program](#). On successful completion of the English language program, students may be admitted to an award program.

^ These are determined by the University for specific programs each Semester. The 2023 ATAR and tertiary entrance ranks are based on agreed QTAC schedules which assess formal study at Year 12 or [equivalent level](#), tertiary, preparatory, professional or vocational qualifications or work experience, as detailed in the QTAC Assessment of Qualifications Manual and QTAC Assessor Guidelines.

Adjustment factors may help you get into the program of your choice by increasing your entrance rank. The additional points don't apply to all applicants or all programs. Please read the information about UniSQ's [Adjustment Factors](#) carefully to find out what you may be eligible for.

Inherent requirements

There are inherent requirements for this program that must be met in order to complete the program and graduate. Make sure you read and understand the [requirements](#) for this program online.

Requirements for professional experience placements

Practical experience is an integral component of the program and each student is required to undertake a series of clinical placements to acquire the knowledge, skills and professional attributes necessary to practise as registered health practitioners.

Progression into practical courses is dependent upon a pass grade in theoretical and other practical courses which have been set as prerequisites.

Applicants must be willing to undertake and submit the requirements of the University of Southern Queensland and Queensland Ambulance Service for practical placement. Please refer to the applicable [Professional Practice Experience Handbook](#) for Paramedicine Students.

Mandatory Documents required prior to commencing ANY clinical placements in the program:

- Medical Assessment
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certificate (CPR)
- First Aid Certificate
- Blue Card or Working with Children Check
- UniSQ Student Declaration
- QAS Checklist
- COVID-19 Placement Declaration – must be completed and uploaded to InPlace once you are enrolled in each course prior to placement

All students must also provide the following immunisation evidence prior to commencing clinical placements:

- Hepatitis B seroconversion
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella immunisation evidence
- Varicella immunisation evidence
- Adult Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis immunisation evidence

- Influenza immunisation evidence
- Tuberculosis Skin Test
- COVID-19 Vaccination

Program fees

Commonwealth supported place

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of a students' higher education and students pay a [student contribution amount](#), which varies depending on the courses undertaken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedules](#).

Commonwealth Supported students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [HECS-HELP](#).

Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedule](#)

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#) provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for [FEE-Help](#).

International full fee paying place

International students pay full fees. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, external or online. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedules](#).

Program structure

The Bachelor of Paramedicine consists of 24 compulsory courses (24 units) studied full-time or part-time. Note that one course, consisting of 4 weeks full-time placement, must be taken in Semester 3 of the first year of study.

While placement courses are available in multiple semesters, enrolment in placement courses outside of the recommended enrolment pattern will require the permission of the Program Director.

Standard enrolment pattern – Standard 3 year progression

For students who commenced prior to Semester 1 2022 please refer to the [2021 Handbook](#)

Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3
Year 1		
BIO1203 Human Anatomy and Physiology 1[£]	BIO1206 Human Anatomy and Physiology 2[£]	PMC1303 Paramedic Placement 1
PMC1101 Public Health	PMC1000 Applied Pathology	
PMC1110 Introduction to Paramedicine	PMC1200 Introduction to Evidence-Based Practice	
	PMC1202 Paramedic Skills 2	
Year 2		
PMC2000 Pharmacology for Paramedics	PMC2201 Multi Trauma	

PMC2102 Paramedic Skills 3	PMC2202 Paramedic Skills 4	
PMC2111 Cardiovascular Conditions and Emergencies	PMC2211 Behavioural Conditions and Emergencies	
PMC2112 Respiratory Conditions and Emergencies	PMC2203 Paramedic Placement 2	
Year 3		
PMC3000 Ethics, Law and Culture for Healthcare Professionals	PMC3220 Applied Paramedicine 1	
PMC3103 Paramedicine Placement 3	PMC3230 Applied Paramedicine 2	
PMC3110 Paramedicine Principles 3	PMC3201 Practice and Leadership for Health Professionals	
PMC3111 Medical & Surgical Conditions and Emergencies	PMC3203 Paramedic Placement 4	

Footnotes

£ In Semester 3, 2023 this course will be delivered as a Transition (9 week) semester, commencing on 13 November 2023 and concluding on 12 January 2024

Program completion requirements

To complete the program, a student must receive passing grades in all 24 compulsory courses (24 units) in accordance with the course list.

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 7 years to complete this program.

IT requirements

For information technology requirements please refer to the [minimum computing standards](#).

Other program requirements

A student must, throughout the program, hold:

- an Apply First Aid (formerly Senior First Aid) certificate that includes a CPR component, issued by the St John Ambulance Association or a comparable body approved by the Program Director; and
- a current Blue Card, issued by the Queensland Government Public Safety Business Agency, or have an employment exemption from holding a card.

Immunisation Schedule

Before commencing a course in which, in the opinion of the University, the student may be at risk of contracting or transmitting a blood-borne virus or other disease, the student must complete a schedule of immunisations approved by the University.

This requirement may be waived only if:

- the student provides evidence of his or her status with respect to immunity against blood-borne viruses or other diseases prescribed in the schedule; or
- approved by the Discipline Leader (or nominee).

Credit

Exemptions/credit will be assessed based on the [UniSQ Credit and Exemption Procedure](#).

Recommended Enrolment Pattern - Full-time (for students commencing from 2022)

For students who commenced prior to Semester 1 2022 please refer to the [2021 Handbook](#)

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Residential school	Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
Year 1 / Semester 1								
BIO1203 Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 ^{£*†}	1	1	1	1,3			M	
PMC1101 Public Health	1	1						
PMC1110 Introduction to Paramedicine	1	1						Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BPSC
Year 1 / Semester 2								
BIO1206 Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 ^{£*†}	1	2	1	2,3			M	Pre-requisite: BIO1203
PMC1000 Applied Pathology	1	2						Pre-requisite: BIO1203
PMC1200 Introduction to Evidence-Based Practice	1	2						Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BPSC
PMC1202 Paramedic Skills 2	1	2						Pre-requisite: PMC1110
Year 1 / Semester 3								
PMC1303 Paramedic Placement 1 [#]	1	1, 2,3						Pre-requisite: BIO1203 and PMC1101 and PMC1110 and PMC1202
Year 2 / Semester 1								
PMC2000 Pharmacology for Paramedics	2	1						Pre-requisite: BIO1206 and PMC1000
PMC2102 Paramedic Skills 3	2	1						Pre-requisite: PMC1202 OR (from 2023) Pre-requisite: PMC1202 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: PMC2111 and PMC2112
PMC2111 Cardiovascular Conditions and Emergencies	2	1						Pre-requisite: BIO1206 and PMC1000 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: PMC2000 OR (from 2023) Pre-requisite: BIO1206 and PMC1110 and PMC1000 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: PMC2000
PMC2112 Respiratory Conditions and Emergencies	2	1						Pre-requisite: BIO1206 and PMC1000 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: PMC2000 OR (from 2023) Pre-requisite: BIO1206 and PMC1110 and PMC1000 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: PMC2000
Year 2 / Semester 2								
PMC2202 Paramedic Skills 4	2	2						Pre-requisite: PMC2102 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: PMC2201 OR (from 2023) Pre-requisite: PMC2102 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: PMC2201 and PMC2211
PMC2201 Multi Trauma	2	2						Pre-requisite: BIO1206 and PMC1000 Pre-requisite or

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	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
								Co-requisite: PMC2000 OR (from 2023) Pre-requisite: BIO1206 and PMC1110 and PMC1000 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: PMC2000
PMC2211 Behavioural Conditions and Emergencies	2	2						Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: PMC1110
PMC2203 Paramedic Placement 2[#]	2	1,2,3						Pre-requisite: PMC1303 and PMC2102 OR (from 2023) Pre-requisite: PMC1303 and PMC2102 and PMC2111 and PMC2112
Year 3 / Semester 1								
PMC3000 Ethics, Law and Culture for Healthcare Professionals	3	1						Pre-requisite: PMC1101 OR (from 2023) Pre-requisite: PMC1101 and PMC1110 and PMC2211 and Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BPSC
PMC3111 Medical & Surgical Conditions and Emergencies	3	1						
PMC3110 Paramedicine Principles 3	3	1						Pre-requisite: PMC1000 and PMC2000 OR (from 2023) Pre-requisite: PMC1000 and PMC1110 and PMC2000
PMC3103 Paramedicine Placement 3[^]	3	1,2,3						Pre-requisite: PMC2203 OR (from 2023) Pre-requisite: PMC2203 and PMC2211
Year 3 / Semester 2								
PMC3220 Applied Paramedicine 1	3	2						Pre-requisite: BIO1206 and PMC2000 and PMC2201 OR (from 2023) Pre-requisite: BIO1206 and PMC1110 and PMC2000 and PMC2201 and PMC2111 and PMC2112 and PMC3111
PMC3230 Applied Paramedicine 2	3	2						Pre-requisite: PMC3110 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: PMC3220 OR (from 2023) Pre-requisite: PMC3110 and PMC2211 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: PMC3220
PMC3201 Practice and Leadership for Health Professionals	3	2						Pre-requisite: PMC2203 and Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BPSC
PMC3203 Paramedic Placement 4[^]	3	1,2,3						Pre-requisite: PMC3103

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- ‡ Course lectures will be held at Ipswich with course laboratories at Springfield
- # Four weeks full-time placement
- ^ Five weeks full-time placement

Recommended Enrolment Pattern - Part-time (for students commencing from 2022)

For students who commenced prior to Semester 1 2022 please refer to the [2021 Handbook](#)

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Residential school	Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
Year 1/ Semester 1								
BIO1203 Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 ^{£†}	1	1	1	1,3			M	
PMC1101 Public Health	1	1						
Year 1/ Semester 2								
BIO1206 Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 ^{£†}	1	2	1	2,3			M	Pre-requisite: BIO1203
PMC1000 Applied Pathology	1	2						Pre-requisite: BIO1203
Year 2/ Semester 1								
PMC1110 Introduction to Paramedicine	2	1						Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BPSC
Year 2/ Semester 2								
PMC1202 Paramedic Skills 2	2	2						Pre-requisite: PMC1110
PMC1200 Introduction to Evidence-Based Practice	2	2						Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BPSC
Year 2/ Semester 3								
PMC1303 Paramedic Placement 1 [#]	2	1,2,3						Pre-requisite: BIO1203 and PMC1101 and PMC1110 and PMC1202
Year 3/ Semester 1								
PMC2000 Pharmacology for Paramedics	3	1						Pre-requisite: BIO1206 and PMC1000
PMC2111 Cardiovascular Conditions and Emergencies	3	1						Pre-requisite: BIO1206 and PMC1000 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: PMC2000 OR (from 2023) Pre-requisite: BIO1206 and PMC1110 and PMC1000 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: PMC2000
Year 3/ Semester 2								
PMC2201 Multi Trauma	3	2						Pre-requisite: BIO1206 and PMC1000 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: PMC2000 OR (from 2023) Pre-requisite: BIO1206 and PMC1110 and PMC1000 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: PMC2000
PMC2211 Behavioural Conditions and Emergencies	3	2						Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: PMC1110
Year 4/ Semester 1								
PMC2112 Respiratory Conditions and Emergencies	4	1						Pre-requisite: BIO1206 and PMC1000 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: PMC2000 OR (from 2023) Pre-requisite: BIO1206 and PMC1110 and

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	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
								PMC1000 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: PMC2000
PMC2102 Paramedic Skills 3	4	1						Pre-requisite: PMC1202 OR (from 2023) Pre-requisite: PMC1202 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: PMC2111 and PMC2112
Year 4/ Semester 2								
PMC2202 Paramedic Skills 4	4	2						Pre-requisite: PMC2102 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: PMC2201 OR (from 2023) Pre-requisite: PMC2102 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: PMC2201 and PMC2211
PMC2203 Paramedic Placement 2[#]	4	1,2,3						Pre-requisite: PMC1303 and PMC2102 OR (from 2023) Pre-requisite: PMC1303 and PMC2102 and PMC2111 and PMC2112
Year 5/ Semester 1								
PMC3000 Ethics, Law and Culture for Healthcare Professionals	5	1						Pre-requisite: PMC1101 OR (from 2023) Pre-requisite: PMC1101 and PMC1110 and PMC2211 and Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BPSC
PMC3111 Medical & Surgical Conditions and Emergencies	5	1						
Year 5/ Semester 2								
PMC3220 Applied Paramedicine 1	5	2						Pre-requisite: BIO1206 and PMC2000 and PMC2201 OR (from 2023) Pre-requisite: BIO1206 and PMC1110 and PMC2000 and PMC2201 and PMC2111 and PMC2112 and PMC3111
PMC3201 Practice and Leadership for Health Professionals	5	2						Pre-requisite: PMC2203 and Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BPSC
Year 6/ Semester 1								
PMC3110 Paramedicine Principles 3	6	1						Pre-requisite: PMC1000 and PMC2000 OR (from 2023) Pre-requisite: PMC1000 and PMC1110 and PMC2000
PMC3103 Paramedicine Placement 3[^]	6	1,2,3						Pre-requisite: PMC2203 OR (from 2023) Pre-requisite: PMC2203 and PMC2211
Year 6/ Semester 2								
PMC3203 Paramedic Placement 4[^]	6	1,2,3						Pre-requisite: PMC3103
PMC3230 Applied Paramedicine 2	6	2						Pre-requisite: PMC3110 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: PMC3220 OR (from 2023) Pre-requisite: PMC3110 and

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	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
								PMC2211 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: PMC3220

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