

- The University will consider granting the highest level of credit consistent with student's previous studies and their chances of success in a course, up to a maximum of the equivalent of two-years in a three-year Bachelor Degree or three years in a four-year Bachelor Degree; and
- To be granted credit, student's previous studies would normally be completed within the 10-year period prior to enrolment. However, in rapidly changing areas only more recent study may be relevant.

### HOW DO I APPLY?

Future students need to apply through VTAC:  
40 Park Street, South Melbourne, 3205  
Phone: 03 9690 7977 web: [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)

Note that applications typically close in late September for the course starting the following year. There is no mid-year intake

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

For specific information relating to courses available, entry requirements and application procedures for international students, please visit [www.vu.edu.au/international](http://www.vu.edu.au/international) for an updated list of courses offered to international students or contact Victoria University International (VUI) on +61 3 9919 1164.

### NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Contact the Course Coordinator Peter Hartley on phone 03 9919 2944  
Email: [peter.hartley@vu.edu.au](mailto:peter.hartley@vu.edu.au)

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#### OTHER INFORMATION

Information about course fees, articulation and credit transfer, recognition of prior learning, admission and enrolment procedures, examinations, and services available to students can be accessed on the University's website or by contacting the University directly on 03 9919 6100.

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# 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 competencies required for a Qualified Ambulance Paramedic.

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 aims to produce graduates who can:

- identify, evaluate and manage the physical, psychological and social needs of patients and members of the community undergoing paramedic assessment, treatment and transport, and apply problem solving skills when planning and implementing out-of-hospital care;
- perform paramedic skills and techniques within paramedic protocols and apply paramedic knowledge necessary for safe, efficient and effective practice within paramedic environments;
- interpret the paramedic needs of patients and members of the community within a holistic framework and apply an integrated holistic approach in paramedic practice;
- perform effectively and safely as an independent person and as a member of a health care team in paramedic environments;
- be sensitive to contemporary issues within socially and culturally diverse communities and predict and respond effectively to such issues when providing paramedic practice;
- examine current research and developments in paramedic practice and evaluate their implications for paramedics and the profession.

## WHERE DO I STUDY?

This course is offered at the St Albans Campus.

## WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

When you graduate, you would obtain clinical practice skills, knowledge and personal attributes necessary for employment as a paramedic. The practical skills, knowledge and attributes will provide you with a competitive advantage for selection and promotion in the paramedicine career pathways.

As a graduate, you are eligible to apply for membership of the Australian College of Ambulance Professionals.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

The course is offered over three years on a full-time on-campus basis.

### COURSE STRUCTURE

#### FIRST YEAR SEMESTER ONE

RBM1107	Bioscience 1
HFB1111	Professional Practice 1
HFB1113	Pre-Hospital Ethical and Legal Issues
HFB1112	Paramedic Clinical Practice 1

#### FIRST YEAR SEMESTER TWO

RBM1208	Bioscience 2
HFB1212	Professional Practice 2
RBM1209	Exercise Physiology & Nutrition for Paramedics
HFB1213	Paramedic Clinical Practice 2

#### SECOND YEAR SEMESTER ONE

RBM2109	Bioscience 3
HFB2114	Paramedic Science 1
HFB2120	Applied Pharmacology
HFB2116	Paramedic Clinical Practice 3

#### SECOND YEAR SEMESTER TWO

HFB2221	Health Organizations
HFB2217	Paramedic Science 2
HFB2219	Special Populations
HFB2220	Paramedic Clinical Practice 4

#### THIRD YEAR SEMESTER ONE

HFB3133	Mental Health and Mental Illness
HFB3131	Paramedic Science 3
HFB3132	Mental Health & Wellbeing for Paramedics
HFB3134	Paramedic Clinical Practice 5

#### THIRD YEAR SEMESTER TWO

HFB3225	Research in Paramedic Practice
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HFB3231	Paramedic Science 4
HFB3226	Major Incidents
HFB3234	Paramedic Clinical Practice 6-Extended Practice

At the end of the program, students will have completed all theoretical and practical competencies for that of an ambulance paramedic.

In order to be awarded the degree Bachelor of Health Science-Paramedic, students must attain proficiency standard as stipulated by local industry guidelines in all paramedic practical assessments and must obtain an Upgraded Pass in all practical subjects.

## HOW DO I GET IN?

You need to have successfully completed the Victoria Certificate of Education (VCE), with Units 3 and 4 and a study score of at least 20 in English, or equivalent. Preference will be given to applicants who have successfully completed biology, physics or mathematics.

All admissions are on an individual basis which incorporates NONY12 entry into the course.

NONY12 may apply for entry into the course provided they have met the requirements as stated in the VTAC guide.

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Health Science degree will be required to undergo a Victorian Police Check, a medical check and a physical capacity test before commencing placement subjects. Police checks need to be conducted annually throughout the program. Future and current students should be aware that not passing relevant police checks may restrict access to clinical placements necessary for graduation.

## ARTICULATION AND CREDIT TRANSFER

The University's Undergraduate Articulation and Credit Transfer Policy states that:

- The University will normally grant a minimum credit transfer of 33 per cent in a three-year Bachelor Degree program or 25 per cent in a four year Bachelor Degree program, for a complete two-year TAFE Associate Diploma, or Advanced Diploma in the same field; Credit may also be granted for prior study in an unrelated field;