



The Course

Our paramedic course is the first nationally to integrate full paramedic training to the Health and Care Professions Council registration standards within a full-time degree programme. The course will give you the professional knowledge and clinical assessment skills you need to become a confident, autonomous paramedic working within the emergency environment.

We place a strong focus on the delivery of quality paramedic care within our contemporary society, taking into account rapid changes within the profession, from increasing medical technology to public awareness of healthcare issues. Paramedic practice now spans a range of disciplines and our three-year course covers areas including:

- patient assessment and management
- clinical skills
- biosciences
- pharmacology
- psychology and communication
- ethics
- law
- social issues that affect health and illness
- health policy
- health promotion
- evidence based practice and research
- professional development

To give you an understanding of the contributions that all professions make to patient care, some of your studies will be with students from other healthcare professions.

Evidence-based practice and research

A sound understanding of evidence-based practice and research is a fundamental part of your education. You will study evidence based practice alongside the foundation degree students but will also study research and have the opportunity to write a research proposal at academic Level 6.

Practice placement

Each year you will study two practice placements modules as well as undertaking a summer placement. These placements are provided by the London Ambulance NHS Trust who is our partner trust.

Career opportunities

As a paramedic, you will be expected to be able to provide immediate professional assistance to patients in all sorts of scenarios. This course has been developed with several Ambulance Service NHS Trusts to give you the theoretical knowledge and practical experience to meet these expectations. It will also give you a firm foundation for future development and the opportunity to advance your career into senior roles within the service.

UCAS code:

B780

Course length: Full-time 3 years

Entry requirements:

300 UCAS points, including GCE A level (or equivalent) grade B in a natural science subject. Plus five GCSEs at grade C or above, including English language, mathematics and double science. Equivalent qualifications welcomed.

Applicants should be physically fit and have a full clean UK manual driving license with a provisional C1 entitlement.

The selection process includes an interview, enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service screening and a health assessment.

Course fees:

£9,000 for 2014/15

Professional accreditation:

On graduation, you will be eligible to apply to register with the Health and Care Professions Council as a paramedic.

How to apply:

Applications are through UCAS go.herts.ac.uk/apply

Website address: go.herts.ac.uk/B780

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