Career Options: Paramedicine

Graduates of the Bachelor of Paramedicine will be able to apply for employment as a graduate level paramedic within Australia and a number of other countries subject to the program being accredited by the Council of Ambulance Authorities (CAA). Demand for paramedics in South-East Queensland and Northern NSW currently exceeds supply and is expected to do so in the foreseeable future. Other career areas could also include the military, mining, on off-shore oil rigs, and other commercial paramedic opportunities.

Graduates of this program will be skilled in: providing pre-hospital emergency care, administering life support, assessing and treating patients at emergencies and in transit to hospital, administering pain relief and other drugs including intravenously, writing patient histories and preparing patient reports, and providing routine transport for patients to and from treatment facilities, and providing health education.

Students will learn about human body systems, paramedic practice, emergency treatment of disease and response to trauma. Paramedic students will also develop strong practical skills through clinical simulation delivered through Griffith’s extensive range of simulation facilities and will complete a minimum of 400 hours of applied clinical placements and professional practice.

In addition to knowledge and skills directly related to your program of study, you will also develop a range of other skills (e.g. clinical decision-making, problem-solving, critical thinking, communication and teamwork) through academic study, employment, work integrated learning, voluntary work, and life experience. Recognising the value employers place on these skills is an important factor in your graduate job search.

Occupations and industries

Paramedicine graduates could be employed in a range of occupations and industries including:

- Ambulance Services Health
- Military
- Government health departments
- Rehabilitation clinics
- Sports associations
- Community Health Centres
- First Aid training
- Health promotion
- Technical Representative
- Universities
- Forensic laboratories
- Pharmaceutical companies
- Local governments
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Medical Imaging
- Cardiac Science
- Orthotics
- Rescue Services
- Hospitals – private and public
- Medical Laboratories
- Anti-doping agencies
- Health and medical research
- Biotechnology companies
- Medical sales
- Government policy development
- Medical diagnostics
- Public health programs
- Case Management
- Sports stadiums & sporting facilities
- Medical writing / publishing
- Schools (private and public)
- Speech Pathology
- Radiation Therapy
- Self-employment
Positions and employers

Examples of positions and employers include:

- Advanced Care Paramedic: Queensland Ambulance Service
- Critical Care Paramedic: Queensland Ambulance Service
- Extended Care Paramedic: Queensland Ambulance Service
- Advanced Life Support Paramedic: Ambulance Service of NSW
- Paramedic Emergency Services Officer: MSS Strategic Medical
- Advanced Care Paramedic: Corporate Protection Australia Group
- Intensive Care Paramedic: International SOS
- Medic: 1300 MEDICS
- Paramedic: Government of SA
- Military Paramedic: Australian Defence Force
- Emergency Medical Despatcher: Queensland Ambulance Service
- Patient Transport Officer: Queensland Ambulance Service
- Control Centre Officer: Ambulance Service of NSW
- Targeted Aboriginal Intensive Care Paramedic: NSW Health
- Ambulance Operations Communications Officer: Queensland Ambulance Service
- Locum Paramedic: CURA Australia
- Paramedic / Safety Officer: Safety Australia Group
- First Aid Officer: Perth Racing
- Paramedic: Calibrate HR
- Industrial Paramedic: St John Ambulance
- Combat Paramedic: Australian Army Reserve
- Retrieval Paramedic: Australian Defence Force
- Paramedic: Medical Rescue
- Special Operations Team Paramedic: NSW Ambulance

Additional Certifications or possible requirements:

- National Police Clearance Certification
- Blue Card
- Advanced Life Support Certificate(s)
- Drug and Alcohol Testing Certificate
- Queensland “C” Class Driver’s Licence
- Current Membership with Paramedics Australasia
- Major Incident Medical Management training
- Basic Offshore Safety Induction and Emergency Training
- Maritime Safety Security ID
- Registration with Australasian Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (AREMT)
- Functional Capacity Evaluation
- Certificate IV Work Health & Safety
- Search and Rescue Training

Vacancies on-line

Australia

- Adzuna Paramedic Jobs
- Australian Defence Force Recruiting
• Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association vacancy listings
• Australian Public Service recruitment
• Australian Job Search (Job Network & Government positions)
• Careerone
• CareerJet Paramedic Jobs
• Ethical Jobs
• Graduate Opportunities (the major directory of graduate recruitment in Australia)
• Health & Community Jobs (HACjobs)
• Queensland Government Graduate Portal
• Queensland Government Jobs
• Recruitment agencies in Australia
• Seek Paramedic Vacancies
• Unigrad
• Careerjet employment search engine

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Targeting potential employers

Many work opportunities are not advertised. It is common practice for jobseekers to search out these opportunities. When approaching potential employers, conducting research to identify links between your selling points (your skills, experience, interests and qualifications) and an employer’s needs, increases your chances of success. Research will also reduce the number of approaches you need to make, saving you time in the end. Developing and using your personal and professional networks is also a valuable tool in finding these ‘hidden’ opportunities.
Employment prospects and starting salaries

Grad Jobs and Dollars provides information on employment rates and median starting salaries by field of study, for Australian university graduates surveyed four months after graduation. Information on occupations Australia-wide, such as the size of the workforce, employment prospects and average weekly earnings is available from www.joboutlook.gov.au and www.myfuture.edu.au

Professional associations

Joining a professional association is a great way to meet people in your field, who can assist you to explore your career options and potentially find employment opportunities. These associations exist in every field of employment and hold regular professional development and networking events. Students are welcome to join, and membership is sometimes free for students.

- Australian Paramedic Association Queensland
- Australian Paramedics Association NSW
- Paramedics Australasia
- Australian Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians
- The Australian and New Zealand College of Paramedicine
- Australian Health Promotion Association
- Health Informatics Society Of Australia
- Sports Medicine Australia
- Advance (global network of Australians and alumni abroad)
- Australasian College of Health Service Management
Sample job advertisements

Graduate Paramedic Program

The Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) recruits Graduate Paramedics from those who possess a degree-level qualification in the field of Paramedic Health Science from an Australian or New Zealand tertiary institution. Undergraduate programs that meet the accreditation standards of the Council of Ambulance Authorities (CAA) are accepted by QAS as meeting the qualification requirements for employment as an entry level Paramedic.

Please refer to the CAA website for more information.

Graduate Paramedic Program (GPP) applicants must meet the eligibility and application requirements and be able to provide evidence of such as part of the application process:

Eligibility Requirements

- Are you eligible to work in Australia?
- Do you hold a current, unrestricted C class manual driver licence? Licence must be provisional or open. Learners licence is not acceptable.
- Have you completed a Bachelor of Paramedicine Science (or similar), or are you currently enrolled in your final year and due to complete studies by March 2017?
- Are you available to travel to Brisbane to attend the Assessment Centre and complete mandatory assessments for the role?

Application Requirements

- Are you able to provide evidence of good driving history from all states, territories or countries you have resided in?
- Have you been vaccinated against infectious diseases?
- Do you have a good level of medical and physical fitness?
- Are you willing to work in any part of Queensland as required?

For further information in relation to the Graduate Paramedic Program recruitment and selection process please refer to the below information:

Graduate Paramedic Role Description (PDF / 286KB)
Graduate Paramedic Applicant Information Kit (PDF / 1.54MB)

Graduate Trainee Paramedic

NSW Ambulance is a mobile health service provider with a long and proud service history to the community of NSW. We specialise in the provision of emergency and non-emergency, pre-hospital health care, retrieval and specialist transport services, major event planning and response, as well as community education. Our service is over 4000 strong, and operates from over 300 locations across the state of NSW.

The Role:

Paramedics are first contact clinical care providers. Paramedics respond to emergency and non-emergency calls, making significant clinical decisions which may include transporting patients to hospital, as well as utilizing alternative referral pathways to ensure the right treatment is afforded to patients in varied and often complex environments. Paramedics work collaboratively with other NSW Ambulance clinical care providers and specialists and other health care and emergency services to provide quality, appropriate, and patient-centred care to the public of NSW.
Salary and Benefits:
- The base salary rate for the Graduate Trainee Paramedic is $59,191 pa plus 9.5% superannuation, plus annual leave loading and shift penalties.
- Six weeks annual leave
- Fully paid 5-week induction program
- Uniform provided
- Generous salary packaging provided
- A wealth of learning and development opportunities

To be successful in this role, you must:
- Be a recent graduate or in your final year of an undergraduate qualification in paramedicine recognised by the Council of Ambulance Authorities
- Be in possession of an Unrestricted NSW Driver License (or interstate equivalent) and have a good driving history, with the ability to gain a Light Rigid Driver License prior to appointment
- Successfully complete a National Criminal Record Check, Working With Children Check (for paid employment) and Medical Assessment set for this role
- Hold an Australian / New Zealand citizenship or Permanent Residency in Australia
- Available to work within a 24 hour rotating roster including shiftwork, weekends and public holidays (rostered weekend, public holiday and night shift work may be required).

Next Steps:
The recruitment process will involve on-line testing components. You will be notified by the on-line testing provider of your username and password and provided with a link to access the various on-line components of this recruitment process at the close of this advertisement.

Combat Paramedic
If you’re looking for a great way to expand your paramedic capabilities beyond your current responsibilities, this rewarding Reserve role could be just the job.
In the Army, your skills will be tested as you provide pre-hospital emergency care, resuscitation, evacuation coordination and primary health care when necessary.
This could be happening anywhere from an Army exercise interstate to a disaster relief operation overseas. And the team members you’ll be working with will be some of the most experienced and resourceful in the profession, so you’ll acquire plenty of knowledge to take back to your everyday job. If you reckon you have the commitment and qualities to become a Combat Paramedic in the Army Reserve, apply now.

Who becomes a Reservist?
Army Reservists are everyday Aussies looking for an additional outlet for their skills. Typically they’re after exciting new ways to expand their knowledge and capabilities, whilst benefitting the broader community.

Lifestyle
Life as an Army Reservist is rich and rewarding. Ours is a unique environment where you’ll have amazing experiences such as joining humanitarian and peacekeeping missions. Along the way, you’ll make friends for life, have access to great sports and social facilities, and develop your skills and confidence.

Pay and Benefits
We’ll pay you as you train. Then on completion, your tax free starting salary package will be $163.84 per day (increasing based on rank achieved, and as you acquire additional skills and qualifications).
You’ll also benefit from free healthcare, plus free meals and accommodation during initial training and when on exercise or deployment.

Location and Commitment
To prepare for your Reserve career with the Army, you’ll take a 35-day military training course in Wagga Wagga, NSW, plus a 2.5-day Combat Paramedic Course at a Unit level. After that you’ll be expected to provide a minimum of 20 days service each year, which will most likely be at an Army unit close to where you live but may also involve interstate and overseas travel. The Army provides resources to help you approach your employer about your ambition to serve as a Reservist.

Entry Requirements
You must be at least 17 years of age and an Australian Citizen (or hold Permanent Residency). Additional age, medical and fitness guidelines may also apply.
To hit the ground running as a Combat Paramedic you’ll need to have a minimum of a Diploma of Paramedical Science (Ambulance) or equivalent qualification, plus evidence of appropriate experience.

Medic / Paramedic / Paramedic Student
When you join 1300MEDICS, you become part of a respected team of more than fifty health care professionals who specialise in the delivery of prehospital emergency care, medical and rescue services. 1300MEDICS provides services to major Australian industry, major and special events, community venues, the media and the corporate community. 1300MEDICS, unlike other local operators, is owned and operated by doctors and paramedics with a passion for high quality service delivery, staff support and clinical training.

We are currently recruiting for staff in the following roles:

Basic Life Support Medics
Must have Blue Card (Working with Children) and Apply First Aid competency; Applicants should be completing undergraduate Paramedic or Medicine studies, or should be able to demonstrate regular exposure to clinical emergency medicine. Applicants with Sports Medicine (sports trainer) or advanced first aid or Lifeguard qualifications or Volunteer Ambulance experience will be highly regarded.

Advanced Life Support Paramedics
Must be an Ambulance Paramedic with recent experience in clinical emergency medicine. Paramedic applicants are required to hold a Blue Card (Working with Children) and a tertiary degree or service-issued diploma. Applicants must be able to demonstrate competency in the delivery of independent emergency care at a high level. Paramedic applicants with community ambulance (state emergency ambulance) will be highly regarded. A demonstrated interest or experience in clinical education would be an advantage.

Reporting to the Operations Manager – Medical Services, you will be responsible for the delivery of best practise emergency medical services at client events and venues. Some roles may also require the operation of emergency vehicles, the use of radio communications equipment, the management of emergency situations, and at some venues, the delivery of first-response rescue (including motorsport, and aquatic rescue).

Applicants for these positions would be expected to demonstrate:
- Responsibility
- Reliability
In return, we offer you a dynamic and fast-paced work environment, with opportunities for clinical skills development and independent clinical practice in a supportive and close-knit team. We offer competitive remuneration and job security and opportunities for advancement and upskilling as well as recognition and reward for your contributions.

If you want to join our team or see what we can offer, and have the required skills and qualifications, then please submit your resume. We look forward to hearing from you.

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**Paramedic - CBD Locations**

- Full Time Positions Available! Immediate Start!
- Flexible shifts - offering $32/hr
- Be a part of a new medical first response safety initiative

**The Company**

Our client is looking to enhance its strong positive reputation by taking on a new project and revolutionising safety practices. This fresh approach towards public safety is key in developing a vigilant community of safety requiring like-minded individuals to join their team.

**The Role**

We are looking for degree / diploma qualified paramedics and registered nurses to utilise their first response experience attending minor through to critical incidents as needed. Travelling to and from locations may be involved as you will be communicating across various sites, responding to all medical incidents. This role requires agile candidates who demonstrate excellent assessment and evaluation skills.

**You will be responsible for**

- Quick response of all medical incidents
- Tending to injuries ranging from minor to critical
- Individual assessment of incidents
- Communication between additional on-site RN’s, paramedics and ambulance service

**Selection Criteria**

- Degree / Diploma qualified Paramedic (Essential)
- 2+ years’ experience in a similar role (Essential)
- Current Police & Working with Children check (or willingness to obtain)