Become a Paramedic

Study for a career in private pre-hospital emergency health care
...or continue onto university and become a State Ambulance Paramedic

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WE DON’T BELIEVE BECOMING A PARAMEDIC SHOULD BE EXCLUSIVE

At the Australian Paramedical College, we deliver accredited training and nationally recognised qualifications to put you in the best position to get a job as a medic/paramedic. No matter what your current educational level, you can study to become a paramedic.

Study the HLT31115 - Certificate III in Non-emergency Patient Transport, HLT41115 - Certificate IV in Health Care, or the HLT51015 - Diploma of Paramedical Science.

The Australian Paramedical College is the largest pre-hospital emergency health care training provider in Australia. We offer nationally recognised qualifications to allow you to develop rewarding careers in the booming pre-hospital emergency care sector.

Become a paramedic sooner

We understand you want to get qualified as soon as possible. As our training is around 90 percent online, you have complete flexibility, because there is nothing to hold you up; you just work through the course in stages. Everyone has their own learning style and abilities; however, with the right amount of effort and focus, we have seen students complete their training in around 12 months, then move out into the workforce as a private company medic, or go on to study at university.
Our Training Courses

**HLT41115 – Certificate IV in Health Care**

**Time:** 12-18 months  
**Clinical Workshop:** 1 week in QLD, Vic or NSW.

**Clinical Work Placement:** 80 hours (working in the community with a paramedical service provider)

If you’ve ever wanted a career as a paramedic, this qualification will help get you started. The HLT41115 – Certificate IV in Health Care is the entry-level pre-hospital emergency care training course. Once completed, you will be qualified to provide pre-hospital and out-of-hospital emergency health care response, as well as deliver patient assessment to those who require urgent medical attention. Upon completion of this course, you will possess high-level knowledge and skills of a Basic Life Support (BLS) medic.

**Employment Opportunities:** Basic Life Support Medic (BLS) – sometimes referred to as Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Emergency Patient Transport Officer, Industrial medic (mining, construction, manufacturing, oil & gas), Private company medic (Australia and international), Defense force medic, Emergency Medical Dispatcher (Call Centre), event medic and more.

**HLT51015 – Diploma of Paramedical Science**

**Time:** 12-24 months  
**Clinical Workshops (2):** 1 x 7 & 1 x 5 Days in QLD, VIC or NSW.  
**Clinical Work Placement:** 160 hours

The Diploma of Paramedical Science is one of the most sought-after qualifications if you are looking to develop a solid career in the pre-hospital emergency health care sector. The medical techniques learned in this course are equivalent to that of an Advanced Life Support (ALS) Medic (Queensland classification). As a diploma-qualified medic, you are authorised to deliver advanced drug therapy protocols (DTP’s) and have a broad understanding of Clinical Protocols and Pharmacology.

**Employment Opportunities:** Paramedic/Medic in mining, construction, industrial, manufacturing, hospitality, sports and tourism industries, onshore and offshore oil and gas Paramedic, industrial medic, remote area Paramedic, adventure and expedition medic, emergency services officer at public events.

**NOTE:** the Diploma of Paramedical Science qualification, although nationally recognised, is insufficient to be considered for employment as a State Ambulance Paramedic. For this, there is a requirement to hold a Bachelor in Paramedical Science.
Reasons to study at the Australia Paramedical College

1. **Provides a pathway into university**

   Complete a qualification with the Australian Paramedical College, then re-apply after completing the course, creating a better chance of being accepted because of the knowledge and credentials you have attained.

   A HLT41115 - Certificate IV in Health Care will provide you with an entry level equivalent to an OP 13, or ATAR 85.

2. **You have existing work or family commitments and attending university is simply not an option at this stage.**

   Study online with the Australian Paramedical College, with the flexibility of being able to study from home in your own time, as well as ongoing local support, a thriving online community and payment options to help spread the cost of your study.

3. **You just want to get qualified in the shortest possible time frame and work in the booming private sector (mining, oil and gas, industrial or construction).**

   Our nationally recognised qualifications allow you to work in the private sector. The Certificate IV in Health Care and Diploma of Paramedical Science are accredited courses that are recognised in the mining and resources industry. The role of Emergency Services Officers who perform various roles as well as emergency medical response in the mining sector is frequently advertised online. Check out our jobs archive to get an idea of the types of jobs you can do.

   Now that you have this knowledge, the next thing to look at is which study options best suit your situation and future goals.
A step-by-step plan to becoming a paramedic in the private sector

**Step 1: Enrol in the HLT31115 – Certificate III in Non-emergency Patient Transport, HLT41115–Certificate IV in Health Care or HLT51015–Diploma of Paramedical Science**

The HLT41115 - Certificate IV in Health Care is the entry-level paramedic course providing you with the basic life-support qualification you need to work in pre-hospital emergency care in the role of first responder. The Certificate III is the essential qualification you need to work as a Patient Transport Officer.

The Diploma of Paramedical Science is the top level qualification you can attain without the need to go to university.

**Step 2: Gain valuable Paramedic experience while you study**

Whilst studying towards a new career in pre-hospital emergency health care, you are free to volunteer (or find paid work) with a company who specialises in providing medical crews to business and the private sector.

What this means is, you will be able to put into practice what you have learned and benefit from developing new contacts in the industry.

Your future employer will also look favourably when you apply for a position, as you will be able to demonstrate you’ve had hands-on experience. The College can also help you find companies to work with in your community so you get as much experience as you can.
Apply Now!

There is generally a strong demand for a place at the College. Therefore, we do encourage potential students to make enquiries as soon as possible. The process to apply is:

1. Complete the application to study form online
2. Undertake a phone interview with our selection team
3. Application to study and interview records reviewed by selection panel
4. If successful, a formal offer will be made to study at the College
5. Student acceptance
6. Confirmation of enrolment

Paramedic jobs

Knowing where to look for paramedic jobs is just as important as having the right qualifications. While others spend months looking for work, you can land a Basic Life Support medic job with a Certificate IV in Health Care. We provide links to the best online jobs boards where paramedical jobs are featured.

With a Diploma under your belt, you can actively pursue work in the mining, heavy construction, industrial and oil & gas sectors as they are constantly in need of trained paramedical specialists. Many of these companies look to hire newly qualified medics too, as they often prefer the fresh new mindset of new recruits because they are eager to learn and can fit into the existing company culture with ease.

You may require extra qualifications to work in these sectors such as security licenses, rescue qualifications, mining inductions, Training & Assessing (TAE) and WHS certification.

You can also gain employment as a medic in the sports and tourism industries, adventure and expedition paramedic as well as a medic at public events, outdoor and indoor concerts.
Working in the public sector as an Ambulance Paramedic

* The following examples are to be used as a guide only. The Australian Paramedical College accepts no responsibility for inaccurate information relating to pay scales, working hours and job responsibilities.

Queensland example: The Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) is one of the world’s largest ambulance services. That means many paramedic opportunities exist to service over 4 million people in an area covering almost 1.8 million square kilometers.

Current estimates suggest around 2,780 paramedics are currently employed by QAS, stationed in over 260 response centres statewide. These simple facts indicate the growing need of paramedic services and the importance of recruiting more paramedics over the coming years.

Paramedics that are successful in gaining employment with the QAS work a normal roster and are eligible to receive extra entitlements. A normal roster for full-time paramedics with QAS is a rotating shift system that adds up to 38 hours per week.

The starting salary of a Paramedic is around $58,637 (per year). This salary currently has schedule increases to $57,950.88 (per year) within just a few years. With extra entitlements and overtime, shift allowances, the salary can increase significantly.

Working in the private sector as a Paramedic/Medic

There are a number of private paramedic service providers offering emergency service worker positions throughout Australia.

In the private sector, pay rates are generally higher than State service providers. For event companies (sporting, cultural, film and television, etc.) casual industry standard rates are around $35 - 40 per hour.

In the construction industry the rates move up towards $40 to $45 per hour, depending on the type of sector you are working in and the location.

In the mining and resources industry the rates vary from State to State – standard for East coast Australia is around $50 to $55 per hour, and West coast around $55 to $60 per hour. When you factor in FIFO penalty rates and wages, your earning potential can dramatically increase.
Common questions

Are VET Student Loans available?
VET STUDENT LOANS are not available at the College, however, there are payment plans available to approved applicants.

Course requirements
A current unrestricted driver’s license is essential to complete the course owing to the ambulance driving component. A Police Clearance Check and a Blue Card are also highly desirable. You may be required to undertake a variety of physical tasks, so a suitable level of general health and fitness is essential. Most of the ambulance services will insist on some form of fitness test. Paramedics are also required to confirm their suitability to work with vulnerable groups such as children and the elderly via a criminal history check.
Start your paramedical career today

For those who want to work in the private sector as a first responder or to enhance their current first aid skills, we recommend the HLT41115 – Certificate IV in Health Care.

If you enjoy the challenge and adventure of working in such sectors as mining, oil & gas, travel, tourism, industrial and construction, then the HLT51015 – Diploma of Paramedical Science is the qualification you need to achieve this.

The Diploma is also the perfect qualification to gain entry into university to continue with paramedical studies and get your degree.

What we offer

✓ Nationally Recognised Qualifications
✓ Highly qualified Paramedic trainers and educators
✓ Proven 4 step Paramedic Pathway Program to develop your paramedic skills to the fullest
✓ Student flexibility agreement to suit your lifestyle
✓ Real-life training scenarios and engaging workshops
✓ Ongoing student support for the length of your training

Be prepared to invest in yourself

We like to think we’re a progressive College and believe in sharing information about how you can become a Paramedic, so thank you for downloading and reading this book.

Becoming a Paramedic takes time, there are no shortcuts. There is a lot to learn, so be prepared to knuckle down to some serious study – the rewards at the end of it are well worth the effort.

Yes it takes time to grasp the basics, yet you will be supported all the way by the College and our thriving community of trainee paramedics who share their ideas, thoughts and learning experiences with one another.

We’d like to find out more about who you are and what your expectations are about a career in paramedics – let us develop a personalized Career Development Program for you.

Get your Paramedic Career Development Plan here: Career Development Plan

What’s next?

If you feel you’d like more information on becoming a paramedic, please call (07) 5520 2522 and speak with a paramedic course coordinator.

Or go to the apcollege.edu.au page and book a chat with one of our course coordinators.