



HOW TO BECOME A PARAMEDIC

START
HERE

5 x GCSEs at
Levels 9-4 /
A-C, including
Maths, English
and Science
Required!

THEN ONE
OF THESE...

1-3 A-Levels
Science or a health
subject advised

OR

L3 Qualification
• BTECs, HND, HNC
incl a science!
• Int Baccalaureate
• Scottish Highers

OR

Access Course in
Science or Health
OR
Alternative
qualifications

YOU THEN HAVE TWO CHOICES!

University Route

Course Name to Search for on UCAS: Paramedic Science

IMPORTANT – Please check with your chosen University their entry requirements. The earlier you do this the better!

Courses to choose from:

Foundation
Degree

2 Year course Full Time
Qualification: Diploma in Higher Education (or a DipHE)

BSc
Degree

3 Year course Full Time
Qualification: Bachelor of Science Degree (aka a BSc)

You then register with the Health & Care Professions Council
A full drivers license is also required with Full C1 Category that allows you to drive larger vehicles such as an ambulance!

You can now apply for Paramedic jobs
See www.jobs.nhs.uk and search for Paramedic

Starting salary around £21-22,000 moving up to £35k
with senior positions and experience over time

Student Paramedic Route

Search for Student Paramedic on www.jobs.nhs.uk

- This is an 'Earn whilst you Learn' route!
- Competition for places is high and you have to apply
- All positions for this course are advertised on the NHS Jobs Website
- Positions & availability vary between regional ambulance trusts
- Recruitment is once or twice a year!
- Drivers license required with a provisional C1 Category. This allows you to drive larger vehicles (no more than 3 points allowed!).
- Applicants are interviewed and go through problem solving, written, numeracy & fitness tests!

Search for Student Paramedic on www.jobs.nhs.uk
to find available positions & to find see examples of what's required

Example Training Programme
(Around £300 per month is also deducted from the below to cover course fees.
BUT you do get extra pay for unsociable hours)

Level 1 - £16,677 per annum – approx 13 months

Level 2 - £19,0927 per annum – approx 9 months

Level 3 - £19,0927 per annum – 32 week University programme

Level 4 - £21,692 per annum – Achieved on course completion
& registration with Health & Care Professions Council.



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