

Paramedicine


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'The tutors made me feel comfortable straight away.'

Rosie

 Bachelor of Health Science (Paramedic)

 Wellington Free Ambulance Paramedic

The moment she read into it; Rosie was hooked on the idea of paramedicine.

Previously a visual arts student, Rosie returned from overseas travel not sure what her next step was. It wasn't until she came across the Whitireia Bachelor of Health Science (Paramedic) online did she consider a new career.

Having a degree under her belt already, Rosie absorbed as much as she could during her studies, forming strong relationships with her fellow students and tutors. Her tutors Ken and Josie were very passionate and patient people who inspired her during the programme. The best part of the course was the mix of theory and practical work in the ambulance – the mix of both is perfect, in her opinion.

Now working for Wellington Free Ambulance, Rosie's days are varied and jam-packed. The best part of her job is meeting people from all walks of life. She loves the excitement of not knowing what kind of day she's going to have – from attending accidents involving elderly, to helping people injured at sports games.

While the long hours can be challenging, the bonds she has formed with her colleagues make it all worthwhile for Rosie. The ability to share moving experiences with and lean on each other is what it's all about.

She may have stumbled upon paramedicine, but it's turned out to be Rosie's dream job. Her advice to people considering paramedicine as a career is to just keep going and keep learning. "It's not an easy job, but the rewards are worth it.."

Bachelor of Health Science (Paramedic) [For Working or Volunteering Paramedics]

 Level 7
 Up to six years based on RPL
 11 Nov 2024 (Distance) 17 Feb 2025 (Distance) 17 Feb 2025 (Distance) 17 Feb 2025 (Distance)
 \$7,450 per year (indicative for 2023 intake)
 \$25,324* per year (indicative for 2023 intake)

Gain a qualification that integrates the knowledge and skills necessary for practice as a paramedic, while already working or volunteering in ambulance services and holding an Authority to Practice at EMT or above. You'll learn through online teaching and block courses, including simulation, and you will apply and advance your practice in your current workplace. Study part-time and have up to six years to complete the degree.

Flexible study options

The paramedic programmes at Whitireia provide flexible learning approaches to support the achievement of qualifications that meet student and ambulance service needs. This flexibility is achieved through the use of 'blended learning', i.e., a combination of traditional classroom (face to face) learning, online learning and block courses.

Programme length is based on individual credit recognition; the degree must be completed within six years. Online learning and campus-based courses throughout.

Programme outline

The Flexible Learning Strand (FLS)/Distance is designed for those already working or volunteering in ambulance services at a minimum of Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) level. The FLS provides the opportunity to study part-time with up to six years to complete the degree. The programme is delivered

using a blended education model that integrates online learning, block courses on campus, theory classes, simulation, and self-directed learning.

The Bachelor of Health Science (Paramedic) programme at Whitireia New Zealand (Whitireia) is run in conjunction with Wellington Free Ambulance (WFA). Graduates will have the knowledge and skills for practice as contemporary ambulance paramedics.

The Bachelor of Health Science (Paramedic) is approved by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority accredited by the Council of Ambulance Authorities.

Students applying for FLS need to go through a credit recognition process to determine their point of entry into the programme.

More detail about this qualification

Year one

HSC5310	Introduction to Paramedic Practice	30 Credits
HSC5311	Human Body Systems I	15 Credits
HSC5312	Introduction to Healthcare in Aotearoa NZ	15 Credits
HSC5320	Trauma/Medical I	45 Credits
HSC5321	Human Body Systems II	15 Credits
Total Compulsory Credits at Level 5		120 Credits

Year two

HSC6310	Trauma/Medical II	30 Credits
HSC6311	Altered Cognitive States	30 Credits
HSC6320	Trauma/Medical III	30 Credits
HSC6321	Research and Evidence Based Practice	30 Credits
Total Compulsory Credits at Level 6		120 Credits

Year three

HSC7310	Trauma/Medical IV	30 Credits
HSC7311	Professional Practice	30 Credits
HSC7320	Cardiology	30 Credits
HSC7321	Integration/Transition	30 Credits
Total Compulsory Credits at Level 7		120 Credits

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Entry requirements

New students must provide evidence of their New Zealand Diploma in Ambulance Practice (Level 5) and a Letter of Support.

International students

Proven equivalence of entry requirements plus IELTS 6.5 in each band

Find your country's [equivalent academic entry requirements here](#)

**International fee displayed is for 1 year of study (equivalent to 120 credits) and does not include insurance and administration (approximately \$924 per year of study).*

1. Apply online from the Whitireia website.
2. Before you start your online application, you will need to have the following documentation available to upload when requested:

- Completed [Letter of Support](#)
- Evidence of your New Zealand Diploma in Ambulance Practice (L5)
- Verified ID

There is competitive entry for places, so it is important to apply early

Credit recognition

If you have relevant skills and knowledge through study or experiences in work or other activities, you may be able to receive credit for them when enrolling in a programme of study. Information (including the Credit Recognition Application form and fees information) is available [here](#)

Hear from our graduates

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pi6cvOiW_88&t=1s

[Letter of support](#)



[Course Selection Sheet](#)



[Block course dates](#)



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