

## Course Specification

Course Summary Information			
1	<b>Course Title</b>		BSc (Hons) Paramedic Science
2	<b>BCU Course Code</b>	<b>UCAS Code</b>	US0347      7B23
3	<b>Awarding Institution</b>		Birmingham City University
4	<b>Teaching Institution(s)</b> (if different from point 3)		
5	<b>Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB) accreditation</b> (if applicable)		Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)

6	Course Description
	<p>Do you want to become a Paramedic? Our BSc (Hons) Paramedic Science degree will develop your theoretical and clinical skills at university and on placement. Paramedics are highly competent health care professionals who work in a fast-paced environment to provide urgent and emergency care across a range of challenging situations.</p> <p>Upon successful completion of this course, you'll be eligible to apply for registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).</p> <p><b>What's covered in the course?</b>            To be a modern paramedic, you must overcome challenges, show initiative and demonstrate critically adaptive thinking, excellent communication skills and medical knowledge as the first point of contact in care provision for patients in stressful situations.</p> <p>Becoming a professional modern Paramedic you'll need to be able to think critically, react appropriately in challenging and stressful situations, have effective communication skills and also have the knowledge and skills to deliver health care across the life span. You need to be able to do all of this whilst demonstrating empathy and care towards your patients and ensure your values and professional behaviour meet those required of HCPC to become a modern paramedic.</p> <p>You will also become an effective member of the Paramedic profession by developing your medical and healthcare knowledge as well as clinical decision making skills and focusing on high quality patient centred health care. This will prepare you with the many possible career opportunities for the modern paramedic across settings such as clinical practice, education or research settings.</p> <p><b>Where will I study?</b>            You will study in our recently extended £71 million campus, with access to cutting-edge facilities and equipment that will enhance your skills learning. You will have access to advanced simulation facilities and environments that can re-create an emergency setting, allowing you to develop your hands-on skills right here on campus too. Our unique facilities are also useful to support you with any questions or queries before starting your real-life work placements.</p>

<b>7</b>	<b>Course Awards</b>		
<b>7a</b>	<b>Name of Final Award</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Credits Awarded</b>
	Bachelor of Science with Honours Paramedic Science	6	360
<b>7b</b>	<b>Exit Awards and Credits Awarded</b>		
	Certificate of Higher Education Studies Health Care	4	120
	Diploma of Higher Education Studies Health Care	5	240
	Bachelor of Science Studies Health Care	6	300

<b>8</b>	<b>Derogation from the University Regulations</b>
	<p>The numeracy assessment within the Level 4 Developing Clinical Practice module has a pass mark of 70%. This module must be passed in order to progress to Level 5.</p> <p>The drug calculation assessment within the Level 5 Advancing Clinical Practice module has a pass mark of 80%. This module must be passed in order to progress to Level 6.</p> <p>The drug calculation assessment within the Level 6 Refining Clinical Practice module has a pass mark of 100%.</p> <p>For modules with more than one assessment, the pass mark must be achieved in each assessment in order to pass the module overall.</p> <p>All modules are ineligible for compensation.</p>

<b>9</b>	<b>Delivery Patterns</b>		
	<b>Mode(s) of Study</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Duration of Study</b>
	Full Time	City South	3 Years
			<b>Code</b>
			US0347

<b>10</b>	<b>Entry Requirements</b>
	<p>The admission requirements for this course are stated on the course page of the BCU website at <a href="https://www.bcu.ac.uk/">https://www.bcu.ac.uk/</a> or may be found by searching for the course entry profile located on the UCAS website.</p>

<b>11</b>	<b>Course Learning Outcomes</b>
<b>1</b>	Become an ambitious and autonomous learner with sound academic knowledge.
<b>2</b>	Be a critical, rational and innovative thinker, who is confident, adaptable and capable of independent enquiry.
<b>3</b>	Have a wide range of intellectual and key skills, and a reflective approach to learning.
<b>4</b>	Be readily employable, and well-equipped for active lifelong learning and the professional world of paramedic practice.
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**12b Structure Diagram**
**Level 4**

<b>SEMESTER ONE</b>	<b>SEMESTER TWO</b>
Core PAR4013: Community Based Practice (20 credits) PAR4014: Foundations in Paramedic Practice (20 credits) PAR4015: Preparation for Paramedic Practice (20 credits) PAR4017: Introduction to Bioscience (20 credits) PAR4018 Introduction to Professional Responsibilities and Development (20 credits)	Core
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Core PAR5011: Applied Bioscience (20 credits) PAR5012: Clinical Decision Making and Diagnosis (20 credits) PAR5013: Evidence Based Practice (20 credits)	Core PAR5014: Maternity, Obstetrics and Paediatric Care (20 credits) PAR5015: Trauma and Advanced Life Support (20 credits)
Core PAR5016 Advancing Clinical Practice (20 credits)	

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Core PAR6005: Minor Injury and Illness (40 credits)	Core PAR6006: Management, Leadership and Intraprofessional Learning (20 credits)
Core PAR6007: The Application of Research and the Evidence Based Practice (40 credits) PAR6008: Refining Clinical Practice (20 credits)	

### 13 Overall Student Workload and Balance of Assessment

Overall student *workload* consists of class contact hours, independent learning and assessment activity, with each credit taken equating to a total study time of around 10 hours. While actual contact hours may depend on the optional modules selected, the following information gives an indication of how much time students will need to allocate to different activities at each level of the course.

- *Scheduled Learning* includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, contact time specified in timetable
- *Directed Learning* includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning
- *Private Study* includes preparation for exams

The *balance of assessment* by mode of assessment (e.g. coursework, exam and in-person) depends to some extent on the optional modules chosen by students. The approximate percentage of the course assessed by coursework, exam and in-person is shown below.

## Level 4

### Workload

#### % time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	240
Directed Learning	360
Private Study	600
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>1200</b>

### Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	50%
Exam	17%
In-Person	33%

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Coursework	50%
Exam	33%
In-Person	17%

**Level 6**
**Workload**

**% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Number of Hours</b>
Scheduled Learning	140
Directed Learning	250
Private Study	810
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>1200</b>

**Balance of Assessment**

<b>Assessment Mode</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Coursework	50%
Exam	0
In-Person	50%