



# HOW TO BECOME A PARAMEDIC

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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 Baccaulaureate  
• 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](http://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](http://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](http://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.