

HLTH 1018 PARAMEDICINE FOUNDATIONS 1

Credit Points 10

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Description This subject introduces students to the theoretical and practical aspects of modern paramedicine throughout Australia and internationally. It includes exploration of the roles and responsibilities of paramedics within healthcare systems considering relevant regulatory, ethical, and legal issues. Students will gain foundational practical knowledge in key concepts of paramedicine, in line with standards such as the National Safety and Quality Health Services Standards (NSQHS). Students will also begin to analyse typical out of hospital case scenarios to introduce the application of theory to practical contexts.

School Health Sciences

Discipline Paramedical Studies

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 2 10cp

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Level Undergraduate Level 1 subject

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in 4790 Bachelor of Paramedicine.

Learning Outcomes

After successful completion of this Subject, students will be able to:

1. Describe the evolving roles and responsibilities of paramedics within healthcare
2. Apply correct principles of safe practice consistent with the National Safety and Quality Health Services Standards (NSQHS)
3. Employ reflective practice in paramedic contexts
4. Consider and apply the ethical, legal, and regulatory requirements for Australian paramedicine
5. Demonstrate appropriate communication and cultural awareness
6. Describe and apply the components of patient assessment
7. Explain clinical decision making in paramedicine

Subject Content

1. The evolving roles and responsibilities of paramedics
2. Communication in paramedicine and the health system
3. Wellness strategies and reflection in paramedicine
4. Ethics, legal and regulatory requirements in paramedicine
5. Clinical decision making and shared decision making
6. Patient assessment
7. Work health and safety in paramedicine

Special Requirements

Essential equipment

Students must have the Western Sydney University student paramedic uniform (pants, long sleeve shirt, polo, safety glasses, safety helmet, non-steel cap black boots, stethoscope, reflective vest and rain jacket).

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Reflection	1 x 600 words	15	N	Individual	N
Quiz	1 x 40 minutes	15	N	Individual	N
Presentation	15 mins	30	N	Individual	N
Practical Exam	Up to 60 minutes	40	N	Individual	N

Teaching Periods

Autumn (2025)

Campbelltown

On-site

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