

# HLTH 2017 PARAMEDIC PRACTICE 2

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 401068

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**Description** This subject focuses on the core competencies for paramedic practice in real world situations. These competencies will be developed through on-campus simulation learning, clinical placements with an emergency ambulance crew over a period of 3 weeks, and through an evidence-based exploration of paramedic practice. The core competencies include communication, documentation, reflections and professional ethical behaviour. In addition, students will practice patient assessment and supervised procedures appropriate to their level.

**School** Health Sciences

**Discipline** Paramedical Studies

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 2 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 2 subject

**Pre-requisite(s)** HLTH 1009 AND  
NATS 1010 AND  
NATS 1009

## Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in 4669 - Bachelor of Health Science (Paramedicine).

## Assumed Knowledge

A fundamental understanding of paramedic patient assessment, including primary and secondary surveys (vital signs, history taking and physical examination).

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Display effective communication skills, ethics and professionalism
2. Demonstrate consistent safe work practices
3. Execute basic paramedic skills in a real-world environment
4. Link patient presentations with appropriate treatment or management plans
5. Reflect on the pre-hospital environment, the patient's experiences and their own learning needs
6. Evaluate appropriate, evidence-based pre-hospital management strategies
7. Identify and discuss current health issues
8. Demonstrate clinical reasoning relating to ECG interpretation, dysrhythmia management, parenteral drug administration, pain assessment and management, and spinal care.

## Subject Content

Clinical placement in an emergency ambulance setting:

1. Inter-professional communication, ethics and professionalism
2. Safe work practices

3. Assessment and observation of real-world patients and health professionals
4. Basic skills and protocols associated with patient assessment and management
5. Supervised Interpretation of patient findings and Implementation of appropriate techniques

Post clinical placement:

1. Reflection on clinical placement experience
2. Evidence based pre-hospital practice
3. Awareness of the Australian health sector
4. Basic ECG interpretation and dysrhythmia management
5. Parenteral drug administration
6. Pain physiology, pain assessment and management
7. Assessment and management of spinal injuries
8. Diagnostics and clinical assessment

## Special Requirements

Legislative pre-requisites

### Special Requirements - NSW Health Legislative Prerequisites Pre-requisites

#### Student Compliance Information for all Health-Related Placements

Prior to enrolling in this subject, students must have submitted a **Student Undertaking Form** and undertake to apply for a **National Police Check**, which is required to be submitted before placement, and a **Working with Children Check Student Declaration**. Use the link to the **Special Requirements webpage** below for more information.

To be eligible to enrol in this subject and complete any required health-related placements or experiences, students must meet Western Sydney University program requirements as well as any special, legislated, or policy-mandated requirements.

### Western Program Requirements

Visit the Special Requirements webpage for details about your program.

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### Mandatory NSW Health student placement policy requirements

To be able to undertake placement in any NSW Health facility you must be assessed as compliant with NSW Health student placement policy in the first year of your program, regardless of when you expect to go on your first placement. Access and read the NSW Student Compliance Information Booklet.

NSW Student Compliance Information Booklet ([https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/placements\\_hub/placements\\_hub/student\\_compliance/](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/placements_hub/placements_hub/student_compliance/))

Please ensure that you

1. Find your existing National Police Check or apply for one
2. Gather documentary evidence of your vaccination history
3. Print and complete all relevant NSW Health forms relevant to the campus you are enrolled at or online enrolment requirements
4. Follow booklet instructions on how to have your compliance documents assessed by NSW health staff.

International students have additional requirements; the link to the booklet will inform you of these requirements.

## School Requirements

Contact your School for further details regarding your School's requirements, if any, such as

- If you live outside of NSW or Australia and need to meet your state, territory or country's compliance requirements
- If you need to meet different state, territory or country compliance requirements.
- NSW Working with Children Check (WWCC) or other state equivalent, valid for your entire program.
- Current approved first aid certificate valid for your entire program  
- approved program providers can be found at the Government Training website
- <http://training.gov.au> (<http://training.gov.au/>)
- Other non-health related requirements.

Student Compliance Resources are also available on the Placements Hub web page (NSW students only)

[https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/learning\\_futures/home/placements\\_hub/placements\\_hub/student\\_compliance](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/learning_futures/home/placements_hub/placements_hub/student_compliance) ([https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/learning\\_futures/home/placements\\_hub/placements\\_hub/student\\_compliance/](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/learning_futures/home/placements_hub/placements_hub/student_compliance/))

## 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
Quiz	Multiple Choice - Quiz : 60 minutes	30	N	Individual	N
Report	N/A	S/U	Y	Individual	Y
Portfolio	750 words (Placement Learning Plan); 1000 words (Reflection)	30	N	Individual	N
Practical Exam	up to 30 minutes	40	Y	Individual	Y

### Prescribed Texts

- Talley & O'Donnell. Clinical Examination: A Systematic Guide to Physical Diagnosis. 7th Edition Churchill Livingstone Australia
- Wesley. Huszar's Basic Dysrhythmias and Acute Coronary Syndromes: Interpretation & Management 4th Edition Elsevier