School of Health Sciences
Welcome to Paramedic Science
BSc (Hons)
Course structure

- 50% theory and 50% practice
- Modular structure
- Topics of study include:
  - Clinical skills
  - Research and theory underpinning practise
  - Communication
  - Applied biosciences
  - Applied social and behavioural sciences
  - Health promotion
  - Law and ethics
  - Leadership and management
Course structure

» Holidays: 9 to 12 weeks depending on the year
» Skills learning in simulation suites
» Joint teaching with other programmes
» Interprofessional approach to developing knowledge and skills
» Gain important insights into a wide range of healthcare delivery
» Hours of attendance – a full timetable
» Opportunity for a national or international “elective” for four weeks in year two
Learning on the course

- Core lectures
- Small group exercises
- Simulation suite skills learning
- Learning in practice
- Inter-professional learning
- E learning programmes
- Individual private study
Assessment

This involves a variety of methods:

» Assessment of clinical practice by mentors
» Practice portfolios
» Reflective accounts
» Essays and care studies
» Poster presentations
» Examinations
» OSCES
Learning on practice placements

» Students are allocated to placements within the Surrey area with South East Coast Ambulance Trust

» Students also have placements in other healthcare settings, including:

  • Operating theatres
  • Acute medical wards
  • Emergency departments
  • Maternity placements
  • GP surgeries
  • Community settings.
Placement localities: Surrey, Sussex and Hampshire

The following areas are covered:

- Redhill locality
- Chertsey locality
- Frimley locality
- Guildford locality
- Only Surrey based ambulance stations.
Placement allocations

You'll be placed according to a priority system. This considers:

• Students with dependents
• Students living at home.

All allocations are subject to availability.
Out in practice

• Experience 24-hour, 7 day a week care delivery
• Duty times include early and late shifts, weekends and nights
• Dedicated mentor support in various ambulance stations
• Opportunities to follow patient journeys
• Experiences in various settings
• You will be expected to travel
Qualities needed to be a health professional

» Enthusiasm
» Motivation
» Commitment
» Stamina
» Initiative
» Courage
» Self-management
» Self-awareness

» Integrity
» Perseverance
» Reliability
» Good practical skills
» Sound knowledge base
» Sense of humour
» Intellectual curiosity
» Striving for excellence
Values required by healthcare students

- Careful communication skills
- Ability to create rapport
- Clarity of thought and the ability to articulate
- Effective non-verbal communication skills
- Self-assurance with grace
- Respect for differences and diversity
- Honesty and integrity
- Kindness, compassion and empathy
- The ability to reflect
- Advocacy skills
- Respect for privacy and dignity
- An awareness of:
  - The role of the professional
  - The centrality of the patient/client's interests
Pre-hospital care

» This is performed by a registered professional who plays a vital role in multidisciplinary pre-hospital emergency care

» Involves the care for individuals across the life span

» The role requires:
  • Rapid and effective clinical decision making and clinical skills, self-awareness and effective communication skills
  • Working in a variety of settings with diverse populations
  • Working with other healthcare professionals
  • Working in partnership with the police and fire services, users and carers, and other healthcare professionals.
Accommodation at the University

» Usually available for the first year

» Please note, parking is only available at our Hazel Farm accommodation

» Permits may be purchased only during periods of non-clinical placements

» Other options:
  • Locality based accommodation available on some sites (year 2)
  • Students may live at home or in privately rented housing
Considerations

- Quality of teaching (TEF Gold)
- Accommodation
- Travel to university and placements
- Shift times
- Costs associated with university living
- Personal commitments
- Three years investment for a lifelong career
- Professional registration (HCPC)
Applications are through UCAS

All offers are subject to:

• Confirmation of residency conditions
• Confirmation of required entry qualifications
• Criminal Record Bureau/police checks
• Satisfactory references
• Satisfactory interview
• Satisfactory occupational health clearance
• NHS eligibility for the programme
• Full UK driving licence and C1 driving test
Multiple mini interviews (MMIs)

- A series of short interviews in a timed circuit rather than one long interview.
- Each cycle is 35 minutes long and consists of seven stations, which are each four minutes long. You’ll have one-minute inbetween each one.
- There is one interviewer per station and they will be either a university staff member or representative from practice.
- You will be given a scenario and asked to respond to that scenario as comprehensively as you can before moving on to the next station.
- The scenarios have been set to assess your communication skills, values and competencies.
- One scenario relates to your chosen field/course.
- Offers are based, in part, on the scores achieved in these interviews.
Offers

» All offers will be made through UCAS (see UCAS track) no later than 6 May 2020, these can also be viewed via Surrey Self-Service

» Please carefully check any conditions of your offer and upload evidence you have met your conditions via Surrey Self-Service

» Access students: please let us know immediately when you have your results