Get ready for BSc (Hons) Paramedic Science

As Programme Leader of the BSc (Hons) Paramedic Science course, I would like to warmly welcome you to UWE Bristol. The Paramedic teaching team and I are looking forward to you joining us.

This is an important and demanding time to join the paramedic profession. Over the past five years the role of the paramedic has evolved significantly and continues to develop in response to changing patient need and workforce pressures across the health and care system. Graduate paramedics now work across a wide range of settings, including emergency ambulance services, GP practices, minor injury units, research and education, contributing skills that are increasingly vital to the sustainability of services.

You may be aware that in 2022 we reviewed and redesigned our programme, and this was completed in partnership with students, placement partners and other key stakeholders who provided feedback and ideas around key development points, which we incorporated into new modules and new student journeys through the programme. We are very pleased with the changes we have made that ensure our students and graduates are ready for the modern role of the paramedic, and we are confident that you will both enjoy the programme as well as feel confident that it provides all the tools you need to be a competent and confident paramedic wherever you plan to apply your skills once you graduate.

We are a passionate and committed team, and we ensure we provide you with the best learning experience possible. Our commitment to educational standards, contemporary practice and student support has been constantly reflected in our National Student Survey results where we achieve some of the highest scores in the country. We cannot wait to meet you all and welcome you into our paramedic community.

I wanted to provide you all with some useful information about the start of your course. If you have any questions prior to starting the programme, please feel free to contact me.

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Before you start

We are looking forward to welcoming you in the week commencing 14 September 2026 for Starting Block and the beginning of your programme.

Starting Block will help you settle into university and help you get to know your teaching team and course mates. We will help you find your way around, get used to our systems, and practise the skills you need to make a strong start. Look out for further emails and explore the Starting Block website with more details.

Your timetable will be available to you via MYUWE (login required) once you have started the enrolment process. Please visit the 'Understanding your teaching timetable' website to find out when your timetable will be published.

Preparing and arrival
You can find everything you need to know about enrolment, Starting Block and the start of teaching, on our Preparing and Arrival webpage. Take a look at our website to familiarise yourself with our facilities and services such as the library, study skills, academic support, health and wellbeing support and much more.

Enrolment
Once you have satisfied all admissions requirements, we'll send you your login details for our IT systems to enable you to activate your university email account. Once your account has been activated, you'll gain access to the MYUWE platform where you can enrol. Note that your login details for MYUWE are different to those used for the UWE Welcome website. Enrolment for September programmes will only be open from August onwards. You can find guidance and further information on our Enrolment website.

ID card - upload your photo now
We can only print your ID card if you have added your photo to MYUWE. To avoid delays, upload your photo as soon as possible. For help, go to our student card guidance.

How to make a successful start to your programme

Specific for your course
In previous correspondence you will have already been informed about our additional requirements which must be completed ahead of Enrolment and Induction:

- **Academic certificates**
- **Disclosure and Barring Service check**
- **Occupational Health clearance**

Immunisation
Please read both the Immunisation Letter and Immunisation leaflet prior to commencing your studies.

If any of these requirements are still outstanding, you must send the relevant paperwork to us, as instructed, as soon as possible.

Please be aware that Incomplete Disclosure Barring Service and Occupational Health Checks will impact on your ability to access learning materials, attend placements and complete your enrolment onto your degree programme.

Placement Uniform
Details of how to order your placement uniform online will be sent to you by email soon after you start. This will include guidance to help you take accurate measurements that will be required to process your uniform order. You will also be asked to provide an address where your uniform will be delivered – please ensure that the address you provide is where you will be based when the delivery is made. Uniform deliveries will be made between late October and December. Look out for the email in your UWE email inbox and order your uniform promptly.

Engage with your programme

Start your learning
We recommend you start your studies by completing these activities:

- Get driving! If you haven't already passed your driving test, now would be a good time to do it and, if you have, you may want to gain your C1 category driving license.
- Spend lots of time with your family and friends. You are going to be very busy for the next three years!

Read around your subject
A key skill which is required to achieve a high level of success within your chosen programme is the ability to think critically about key issues and practices. To help you to enhance these skills and be ready to engage with your studies, you should start to read and research around your subject before you arrive. Explore the Library web pages to see the wide range of resources available to you once you become a UWE Bristol student.

We do not recommend that you buy books before starting the programme as there are diverse ways of learning and different books will appeal to different people. Details of recommended reading and access to e-books via the UWE library will be available when you start.

However, I would strongly recommend building your knowledge of Anatomy and Physiology. There are also some great, free online resources, such as the YouTube videos produced by the Khan Academy, Dr John Campbell and CrashCourse. The Life Sciences module will be the first challenging module when you start the course and getting yourself up to speed on your basic anatomy and physiology will really help. If you would prefer to buy an anatomy and physiology textbook then there are lots available, and I would advise having a look at the best one to suit your learning style by previewing them online where possible. We have a large volume of online learning resources and online textbooks when you start the course so there is no requirement to purchase any texts.

Also, you can access the links below to learn more about our profession:

- The Health & Care Professions Council (HCPC) professional standards
- The College of Paramedics
- HCPC How the Standards Apply to Students

Connect with others

- Check out and follow the Instagram page (@uweparamedic).
- Paramedic students can become members of our Prehospital Simulation Society. Follow their activities on Instagram via @uweprehospsimsoc

Be prepared

Access support
Check the information on our Disability web pages so you know what you need to do. If you need any urgent additional mobility or other support to fully access all activities during your studies, contact me as your programme leader.

Get equipped
The University has computers on all our campuses for you to use during your studies. These provide access to our core digital learning tools and any specialist software required for your course. You may have scheduled sessions in computer labs or other specialist facilities, and you will be able to use open-access PCs for self-study.

UWE Bristol licenses many specialist software packages for use on personal laptops for the duration of your course. If you're struggling to meet the financial demands of your course, please contact the Student Money Service team for advice and guidance.

See the UWE website for detailed information on choosing your IT equipment including recommended specifications.

For this programme we recommend the **Core Specification**.

International students
The Global Student Support Team offer information and advice to ensure you receive all the support you need to get the best from your time at UWE Bristol. They are here to help you to settle in when you first arrive at UWE Bristol and organise social events to help you to adapt to your new environment.

Who to contact if you have questions

For any questions about the course, please contact the Programme Leader:
Kieran Brannigan via email at Kieran.brannigan@uwe.ac.uk

For any questions regarding admissions or tarrif, please contact the **UWE admissions team** admissions@uwe.ac.uk

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Please note: this information has been provided on the assumption that you will meet the conditions of your offer and be eligible to take up your place.

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