

Postgraduate Certificate in Specialty Care – Advanced Paramedic Practice

The Postgraduate Certificate in Specialty Care –Advanced Paramedic Practice papers are designed to provide Intermediate Life Support (ILS) Paramedics (or equivalent) with an integrated, supported theoretical and practical programme of study to ensure the development of specialty knowledge and skills required to practice as an Advanced Life Support (ALS) paramedic in the New Zealand context. The objective is that these ALS paramedics will be equipped to provide ALS care that meets the needs of clients and their whanau/family when seeking emergency or urgent medical care and transportation in the pre-hospital environment.

The theory component of each paper will be a mixed mode delivery with face-to-face delivery on campus and on-line/flexible learning. Students of the programme will need to:

- travel to the Whitireia Porirua campus for paper launch day and two four day block courses
- have access to a computer with internet connection (preferably broadband)
- have support from your current employer for release time to undertake study, attend on campus block courses and have appropriate clinical supervision and professional mentoring
- have access (usually through your current place of employment) for the duration of the programme to direct clinical supervision by advanced life support paramedic mentors familiar with skills and knowledge outlined in the learning outcomes and content lists. The minimum number of hours of clinical supervision required per paper is 288 which equates to approximately 6 – 7 four day shift cycles.

| Papers | Content |
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| Advanced Paramedic Practice One (45 credits) | • Advanced Airway Management and Medical Conditions |
| Advanced Paramedic Practice Two (45 credits) | • Cardiac Conditions and Trauma |

Entry Requirements:

ILS paramedic with a minimum of 12 months experience, NZ practicing certificate, Bachelors degree or equivalent or the Whitireia Certificate in Paramedic Practice Level 7 and in employment in relevant current ambulance service for minimum three days (22.5 hours) per week.

| Tutorials held on campus | Start Date | Paper Launch | 1 st Theory Block | 2 nd Theory Block | End Date |
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| HSC8608: Advanced Paramedic Practice Two | 10 th Feb 12 | 10 th Feb 12 | 26 th - 29 th Mar 12 | 28 th - 29 th May 12 | 8 th Jun 12 |
| HSC8607: Advanced Paramedic Practice One | 10 th Jul 12 | 10 th Jul 12 | 27 th - 30 th Aug 12 | 5 th - 8 th Nov 12 | 9 th Nov 12 |