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Our Job of the week this week is a
Paramedic



Job of the Week – Paramedic

WHAT YOU DO

In this role you will:

- respond to emergency calls
- assess situations when you arrive and check details with others at the scene, like the police
- work calmly and quickly to stabilise patients
- use a defibrillator to revive patients
- give patients medicines and injections
- help to deliver babies
- attend non-emergency calls and decide whether patients need to go to hospital
- check equipment regularly and keep accurate records
- reassure family and members of the public who are on the scene

SKILLS REQUIRED

You will need:

- knowledge of healthcare and medicine
- sensitivity and understanding
- customer service skills
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- excellent verbal communication skills
- knowledge of public safety and security
- to be flexible and open to change
- the ability to work well with others
- to be competent with computers and main software packages

WHAT YOU WEAR

Full uniform and PPE is required for this role



WORKING CONDITIONS

You may be in an ambulance, at a client's home or in the general community.

Your working environment may be physically and emotionally demanding and outdoors some of the time

WORKING HOURS

36-38

Shift work including evenings, weekends, bank holidays

ANNUAL LEAVE

27 days



ANNUAL INCOME

Starter £24,907

Experienced £37,890



EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

You can get into this job through:

A University course:

You'll need to do a paramedic science degree approved by the Health and Care Professions Council. Full-time courses usually take 3 years. You'll usually need 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree

A Paramedic Degree Apprenticeship:

There are no set entry requirements for this but it may help you to get in if you have 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) and A levels, or equivalent

Working towards this role:

You could start as an ambulance care assistant. With experience, you could apply for a place on a paramedic training scheme

In addition you'll need to pass enhanced background checks, as you may be working with children and vulnerable adults and also pass a medical check

Many ambulance services will expect you to have a full driving licence by the time you finish your training and preferably a C1 driving licence that allows you to drive medium-sized vehicles.



Labour Market Information

In the Careers section of the school website you can find the useful comparison tool the 'Labour Market Information widget'

Use the widget to compare different job roles in any employment sector or relating specifically to the 'Job of the Week'.

Paramedics		Ambulance staff (excluding paramedics)		Nurses	
Weekly Pay £740	Annual Pay £38,480	Weekly Pay £450	Annual Pay £23,400	Weekly Pay £660	Annual Pay £34,320
Hours/Week 38h	Hourly Pay £19	Hours/Week 36h	Hourly Pay £13	Hours/Week 36h	Hourly Pay £18
Workforce Change (projected)		Workforce Change (projected)		Workforce Change (projected)	
Growth 8.9%	Replacement 50.3%	Growth 11.6%	Replacement 57%	Growth 8.7%	Replacement 53.7%
The workforce is projected to grow by 8.9% over the period to 2027, creating 2,800 jobs. In the same period, 50.3% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 16,000 job openings.		The workforce is projected to grow by 11.6% over the period to 2027, creating 2,800 jobs. In the same period, 57% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 14,000 job openings.		The workforce is projected to grow by 8.7% over the period to 2027, creating 65,900 jobs. In the same period, 53.7% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 407,500 job openings.	
You might find this job in Health		You might find this job in Health Warehousing, etc		You might find this job in Health Residential care Social work Public admin. & defence Education	
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Paramedics

Paramedics provide first aid and life support treatment in emergency situations and transport sick and injured people who require skilled treatment.

Common tasks in this job:

- drives ambulance or accompanies driver to respond to calls for assistance at accidents, emergencies and other incidents;
- assesses the nature of injuries, provides first aid treatment and ascertains appropriate method of conveying patient;
- resuscitates and/or stabilises patient using relevant techniques, equipment and drugs;
- transports and accompanies patients who either require or potentially require skilled treatment whilst travelling;

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Ambulance staff (excluding paramedics)

Ambulance staff transport sick, injured and convalescent persons and give first aid treatment in emergencies.

Common tasks in this job:

- helps patients into and out of ambulance;
- drives ambulance or accompanies driver to transport patients to hospitals or other treatment centres and homes;
- ascertains nature of injuries and provides first aid treatment;
- cleans and disinfects ambulance after use and carries out routine care of ambulance equipment;

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Nurses

Nurses provide general and/or specialised nursing care for the sick, injured and others in need of such care, assist medical doctors with their tasks and work with other healthcare professionals and within teams of healthcare workers. They advise on and teach nursing practice.

Common tasks in this job:

- assists medical doctors and works with other healthcare professionals to deal with emergencies and pre-planned treatment of patients;
- manages own case load;
- monitors patient's progress, administers drugs and medicines, applies surgical dressings and gives other forms of treatment;
- participates in the preparation for physical and psychological treatment of mentally ill patients;

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Click on the website links to research the job role further:

[Paramedic | Explore careers | National Careers Service](#)

[Information on being a paramedic - Degrees and Courses - NHS Careers \(healthcareers.nhs.uk\)](#)

[Ambulance service team | Health Careers](#)

[How to become a paramedic | Undergraduate | UCAS](#)