Why study Paramedic Science?
As a student at UQ:
• You will study at a world-class medical school and be part of a culture that provides you with strong connections within the health care industry.
• You will receive high-level teaching by medical and paramedical staff.
• You will graduate with valuable clinical experience as a paramedic due to clinical placements with the Queensland Ambulance Service throughout the degree.

As a paramedic:
• You will assist in improving the health, wellbeing and quality of life of the community through the delivery of high quality pre-hospital emergency care and specialised transport.
• You will be working in a highly valued profession as an integral member of the wider health care system.
• Every day is different — motor vehicle accidents, medical emergencies, industrial incidents, sporting events, inter-hospital transfers, community education - the job is more than just sirens and flashing lights.

What you will study
This degree prepares graduates for employment as ambulance paramedics. The first year of the degree provides a strong foundational knowledge in areas such as the structure & function of the human body, pathology, public health and evidence-based health care. You will also be prepared for paramedic practice with studies in communication, ambulance policies and procedures, and practical training in the use of ambulance equipment.

In the second and third years of the degree, you will explore common paramedic conditions and emergencies using a systems-based approach. There is increased emphasis on acquiring knowledge and skills in paramedic theory and practice through patient-centred and case-based learning strategies. Clinical reasoning, problem solving and interpersonal skills are developed. This phase of the degree also focuses on the contemporary role of paramedics as pre-hospital care professionals and includes topics such as legal and ethical principles in health, professional practice and clinical mentoring.

You will undertake clinical placements with the Queensland Ambulance Service throughout the degree for practical “hands-on” experience in the role of a paramedic.

Clinical Placement Requirements
There are a number of requirements that students must meet prior to attending clinical placement with the Queensland Ambulance Service. See www.som.uq.edu.au/paramedicscience for further information.

Where this can take you
On successful graduation of your Bachelor of Paramedic Science you will be able to apply for an entry-level Ambulance Paramedic position with an Australasian ambulance service. With further training, other opportunities include Intensive Care (MICU) Paramedic, Flight Paramedic, education and management roles.

Are you an international student?
The Bachelor of Paramedic Science is not available to international students.

Important information
Students must also complete post-admission requirements prior to clinical placement — see www.uq.edu.au/health/admissionreqs

*You will complete the degree in seven semesters over three years, undertaking the first clinical placement in summer semester of your first year.