



Career of the Week

Paramedic

Job role:

As a paramedic, you'll provide immediate response to emergency medical 999 and 111 calls. You'll usually be the first senior healthcare professional on the scene and the level of care you provide can range from dealing with life threatening conditions to minor illnesses and injuries.

How to get this job:

GCSE's – 5 or more at grades 9-4 (including English, Maths and Science)

College/A-Level – 2-3 A levels

University – Paramedic Science

Apprenticeship – Paramedic degree apprenticeship

Volunteering and experience – St John's Ambulance

Skills you'll need:

- a caring attitude and outgoing, helpful personality
- a responsible and highly motivated approach to the work
- excellent interpersonal skills for dealing with patients, their friends and family, and members of the public
- strong team work skills to work alongside other crew and hospital staff
- the ability to work autonomously
- oral, written and listening communication skills for reporting conditions
- skills in problem solving and critical thinking
- initiative and decision making capability in pressured situations
- a calm and reassuring approach
- good general fitness to cope with lifting patients and equipment
- resilience in the face of strong emotions
- the ability to relate to people from a range of socio-economic backgrounds, races, religions and cultures
- excellent driving skills - most NHS ambulance trusts will require you to be able to drive an ambulance under emergency conditions.

Career information

You will need to assess a patient's condition and provide essential treatment which could include:

- resuscitating and stabilising patients
- using high-tech equipment, such as a defibrillator
- applying spinal and traction splints
- administering intravenous drips, drugs and oxygen.

Salary - £23,023 - £36,644
Typical hours – 37.5 per
week