## CG95 Bachelor of Paramedic Science

### Full Time Study Plan – Term 1 2018 onwards

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### More Details:

To satisfy the requirements for the award of CG95 Bachelor of Paramedic Science, students must complete 23 units (144 credit points).

*Students are required to obtain a first-aid certificate with a current CPR certification prior to enrolment.

**Compulsory Residential School**

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**Total 23 Units 144**

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✓ Completed

DISCLAIMER: In your first term of study it is crucial that you ensure you complete CHEM11042 Fundamentals of Chemistry as this unit is the start of a series of pre-requisites that if not followed will result in a minimum 12-month delay in your study progression.

Recommended Study Schedule

Students should complete units in an order that is as close as possible to the recommended structure set out in this study plan. Students should concentrate on completing all first year units before moving on to second year units, and all second year units before moving on to third year units.

Deferment/Leave of Absence  Leave of absence is permitted for up to 12 months.

Professional Accreditation

This course is fully accredited by the Council of Ambulance Authorities (CAA)

Interim/Exit Awards  Not Applicable

Credit Transfer

Credit for a unit may be granted to students who are able to demonstrate appropriate prior learning or experience. Credit is normally granted only for units satisfactorily completed in the last 2 years for clinical units and in the last 5 years for theoretical units at a recognised educational institution.

Refer to the Credit Transfer website at http://www.cqu.edu.au/credittransfer for further details on the guidelines and application process.

You can apply for direct credit against CQUniversity units, if equivalent tertiary level study has been completed. You must supply relevant documentation (study guides, unit profiles, etc) to do this. Or, in some courses you can apply for electives outside of CQUniversity range of units. If your study was undertaken more than 10 years old, you may not be eligible to apply for this as credit.

Refer to the Credit Transfer website at https://www.cqu.edu.au/courses-and-programs/credit-transfer-and-rpl/credit-transfers for further details on the guidelines and application process.

Residential Schools

Units marked with an asterisk have a compulsory residential school. Residential schools form part of the assessment of a unit.


Any further residential school enquiries should be directed to the relevant Unit Coordinator. Contact details for Unit Coordinators can be found on the relevant unit website, or unit profile: http://nexus.cqu.edu.au/courseprofile
Work Placement (if applicable – depending upon credit received)

Students are required to undertake three Clinical Paramedic Practice units which will equate to a minimum of 15 weeks (600 hours) of work placement in the health industry primarily with the Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS). Experience in authentic work environments is very valuable as it develops the professional skills and ‘work readiness’ of graduates.

- **PMSC12002 Clinical Paramedic Practice 1** – This unit requires the students to complete 5 weeks of clinical placement.
- **PMSC13002 Clinical Paramedic Practice 2** – This unit requires the students to complete 5 weeks of clinical placement.
- **PMSC13004 Clinical Paramedic Practice 3** – The unit requires the students to complete 5 weeks of clinical placement.

For students wanting clinical placement outside of the Queensland Ambulance Service please contact the Unit Coordinator.

Students will be required to purchase an approved **University Clinical Placement Uniform** as recommended by the Unit Coordinator and as a requirement of the QAS. **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)** will also need to be purchased as a Workplace Health and Safety requirement by the QAS when on clinical placement.

Work placements are an integral component of the CG95 course. Failure to complete work placement and submit the compulsory activities (e.g. verified log book and supervisor evaluation) will result in the student being deemed ineligible to graduate.

Before commencing work placement, students must have gathered the following documents to provide to the appropriate academic supervisor and to their workplace supervisor:

1. Immunisation and infection control (see full details on CQU Information sheets on CG95 Portal – ask for immunisation record for all vaccines).
   - Hepatitis B - It is strongly advised that students commence their Hepatitis B vaccination schedule immediately upon enrolment (1st Yr) as the full age appropriate vaccination schedule can take 7 months (do not have accelerated version of vaccine).
   - Influenza vaccine
   - Tuberculosis (TB) – Mantoux test or QuantiFERON Gold test
   - Varicella (chickenpox)
   - Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis
   - Measles, Mumps Rubella
2. QAS Medical Assessment – Please note that part of this medical is that students must have a BMI of 33 or less (36 or less for indigenous applicants) to be pronounced ‘Fit for Duty’, if you do not meet this criteria, your placement for that year will be cancelled and you have to re-do the unit and the medical again the next year.
3. Blue Card
   - Blue Card Form

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• Identification Verification by a prescribed person form (for those students posting in their applications to be submitted with the BC form – can be found under Supporting Forms)
• Authorisation to confirm a valid card/application (For those students that already have a valid Blue Card with another organisation/club)

4. Student Orientation Checklist

5. Current approved First Aid Certificate and updated CPR (First Aid valid for 3 years, but CPR requires updating every 12 months). The university requires students to attain a first-aid certificate from a registered training provider within the first year of enrolment.

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Professional Memberships

As a student you are eligible for membership with Student Paramedics Australasia (SPA). Membership with Paramedics Australasia (previously ACAP), and/or Australian Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (AREMT) is available upon employment with an ambulance service.
(http://www.paramedics.org.au/)

St John’s Ambulance Membership

It is highly recommended that all students enrolling in CG95 become members of St John's ambulance as this will complement your studies in the first 18 months of the program and give you exposure to the ambulance world prior to clinical placement. Students who become members may be eligible for credit from some courses and/or residential schools at the discretion of the program leader.

St John Ambulance (Qld) volunteer contact details

Below are the direct contact details for residents in the Gold Coast, Cairns or Central Queensland regions. For all other regions, please contact St John Ambulance (Qld) directly on 1300 360 455 or visit www.stjohnqld.com.au. For those in states other than Queensland, please call 1300 360 455 or visit www.stjohn.org.au to navigate to your respective state.

Gold Coast          Cairns              Central Queensland
Amanda Walsh        David Beckham        Jai Pobar
gaevents@stjohnqld.com.au  cairnsdivision@stjohnqld.com.au  jai.pobar@stjohnqld.com.au

St John Membership Requirements

Blue Card
All St John Ambulance members need to hold a current ‘working with children’ volunteer Blue Card. This paperwork is provided by St John Ambulance with your membership paperwork.

Apply First Aid and CPR certificate

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All members of St John Ambulance must hold a current Apply First Aid and CPR certificate. You are able to attend training meetings before obtaining this certificate however, your membership paperwork will not be submitted until this is supplied. It is recommended all new members attend training upon joining.

If you have any questions in regard to your course, please contact the Course Advice Team:

PLEASE CHECK THE CQU HANDBOOK FOR TERM AVAILABILITIES AND PRE-REQUISITES AS THEY MAY CHANGE FROM YEAR TO YEAR http://handbook.cqu.edu.au