

Transforming Paramedic Education in Ireland

The Paramedic Apprenticeship is an exciting dual programme that will allow you to gain both fully paid on-the-job practical experience and skills and a Level 8 Honours Degree in Paramedicine.

Employers and the education provider work closely together to provide you with training and learning opportunities tailored to your individual needs, learning style and life situation.

Programme Overview

This four-year apprenticeship is structured to support a blended delivery of online learning and face to face sessions which minimizes time off-the-job.

Apprentices will benefit from small-class sizes when in college and learning and teaching methods will facilitate students to put their knowledge into practice through for example, small group activities, role-plays, student presentations, and evidence based practice. Apprentices will be trained and assessed both on and off the job.

How to Apply

To become an Paramedic Apprentice, you must meet the eligibility criteria for the programme, apply for an apprenticeship vacancy with a Solas approved employer via the Generation Apprenticeship Website, and successfully pass each stage of the recruitment process.

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What is an Apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a structured programme of education and training that blends learning in the workplace with formal instruction in an educational setting. This dual approach integrates practical, employer-based experience with academic learning to create a skilled and educated employee, in this case, a qualified Paramedic.

Participants benefit from an 'earn while you learn' model, which includes a formal contract of employment. Small class sizes at university ensure focused attention, and a variety of teaching methods—such as small group activities, role-plays, student presentations, and report writing—allow apprentices to put their knowledge into practice.



What will I learn?

The apprenticeship will prepare you for work as a Paramedic practitioner in the pre-hospital environment. The course will provide you with a variety of modules in numerous settings including modules in theory and clinical practice. In addition, you will participate in multiple clinical settings such as emergency departments, coronary care units etc.

Your time will be divided between college-based learning and hospital/ambulance placements during which the curriculum for the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council (PHECC) National Qualification for Emergency Medicine Technician (NQEMT) will be covered.

Employers



Academic Entry Requirements

Applicants must also have relevant work or voluntary experience that demonstrates an understanding of working with and supporting people in a health, patient care, emergency or community setting. The experience should be meaningful and sufficiently substantial to support their readiness for the apprenticeship, as determined by UCC.

- 1 Be in possession of a Leaving Certificate with a minimum six Leaving Certificate subjects. Minimum grade H5 in two subjects, one of which must be a lab science and minimum grade O6/H7 in four other subjects. English and Irish are requirements for all unless the applicant is exempt from Irish.
- 2 Be in possession of a Leaving Certificate awarded in 2017 or later with a minimum of six passes in the Leaving Certificate Examination Ordinary Level of higher including Mathematics and a Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council (PHECC) EMT Certificate.
- 3 Hold a comparable and relevant qualification of at least Level 5 (or above) on the National Qualifications Framework maintained by Qualifications and Quality Ireland, (QQI)
- 4 Have a minimum of two years' full time ambulance service experience at EMT level and hold a Pre Hospital Emergency Care Council EMT Certificate.

Note Non-native English speakers see [UG English Language Requirements](#)

Consideration under Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) may also be given to applicants based on relevant clinical, academic or volunteer experience.