

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title	Preparation for Clinical Practice
2	Module Credits	20
3	Module Level	4
4	Module Code	PAR4015

5	Module Overview
<p>The module will prepare you as a novice clinician to participate safely and effectively in clinical care and to support the paramedic in the pre-hospital environment. You will develop basic knowledge and skills related to managing 'out of hospital' patient care through evidence based assessment and treatment techniques. The module will provide you with a solid foundation for obtaining diagnostic information, making clinical and ethical decisions, initiating timely treatment, documenting and communicating information effectively.</p> <p>This module alongside the 'Foundations for Paramedic Practice module' is designed to allow you to work effectively as a student within the pre-hospital setting as an assistance practitioner. You will learn about a range a wide range of common presentations found in the pre-hospital environment enabling you to begin to engage in patient care within the placement environment; this knowledge will then be built upon within level 5 and 6 of the programme.</p> <p>A thematic approach to learning will allow the integration of different subject areas with the concept of caring for patients. Skills taught within this module will directly link with your Developing Clinical Practice module.</p> <p>A variety of teaching and learning methods will be used throughout this module, these include, keynote lectures, simulation and skills, action learning, problem based learning, group tutorials, directed and self-directed study. This module will be supported by use of the Faculty's Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) / Moodle.</p>	

6	Indicative Content
	The medical model of history taking Basic and intermediate life support (neonate, paediatric and adult) Respiratory assessment Respiratory medical conditions Respiratory trauma Respiratory adjuncts Cardiac assessment Cardiac medical conditions 3 and 12 lead ECGs Musculoskeletal injuries Thermal injuries assessment and management Neurological system assessment Neurological medical conditions Head trauma Wound management Assisting the paramedic in practice Complications of diabetes mellitus Pain management Abdominal assessment Abdominal medical conditions Immobilisation (including spinal immobilisation)

7	Module Learning Outcomes	
	On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:	
	1	Demonstrate understanding of the principles of working in the pre-hospital environment, including local and national policies governing practice.
	2	Demonstrate competence in generic pre-hospital practice.
	3	Communicates effectively with others whilst undertaking care or performing clinical interventions.
	4	Ensures health, safety and risk reduction or management principles are applied.

8	Module Assessment		
Learning Outcome			
	Coursework	Exam	In-Person
1-4			X

9 Breakdown Learning and Teaching Activities	
Learning Activities	Hours
Scheduled Learning (SL) includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, peer group learning, Graduate+, as specified in timetable	40
Directed Learning (DL) includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE	60
Private Study (PS) includes preparation for exams	100
Total Study Hours:	200