

First Aid Requirements – Paramedic Students

The University of Tasmania is required to comply with all relevant Commonwealth and State legislation and regulation to ensure the safety of students and healthcare consumers. The School of Medicine (SOM) recognises the [Australian Resuscitation Council's](#) Standards for Resuscitation: Clinical Practice and Education, whereby resuscitation skills are identified as a fundamental requirement for undergraduate students of paramedicine. The SOM requires all undergraduate paramedic students to have current first aid certification before the end of the first semester of study in the Bachelor of Paramedic Practice Program.

Requirements for Professional Experience Placement (PEP) in Health Care Agencies

The SOM requires **first year undergraduate paramedic students*** to have undertaken a one or two day Provide First Aid Certificate course with a Recognised Training Organisation (RTO). Upon completion, a current **Provide First Aid Certificate** statement of attainment/competency, which includes cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) via an RTO must be submitted no later than Week 12, Semester 1 in the Bachelor of Paramedic Practice, unless otherwise advised by the SOM.

Once students have their Provide First Aid Certificate, you are required to:

- Upload the Certificate to the relevant compliance item on InPlace by the due date as advised by your PEP Coordinator; and
- Retain and produce the Certificate for sighting by health care agencies/UTas if/when required.

If you do not submit your current **Provide First Aid Certificate** to the School via InPlace, you **will not be eligible to undertake PEP**.

Students are responsible for the cost of the Provide First Aid Certificate course and CPR courses. It is recommended that students complete your First Aid Certificate as soon as possible after accepting a position in the BPP program for ease of managing your study commitments.

If you require further information, please contact:

- NSW Students: Sydney.Placements@utas.edu.au
- TAS Students: Paramedic.Practice53A@utas.edu.au

* The following exceptions will apply:

Students currently registered with the Australian Health Practitioner Registration Authority as a Registered Nurse or Enrolled Nurse must produce their current registration AND current CPR certificate of competency. This can be from a registered RTO as above OR if currently employed by a Health Care Facility and are required to undertake mandatory BLS training (theory and practical) as part of their employment, can submit their certificate of completion/achievement (uploaded to InPlace). However, evidence must be provided of the breakdown/details of that training (if not listed on the certificate) against the Australian Resuscitation Council's [DRSABCD](#) flowchart. The school reserves the right to refuse submissions that do not clearly demonstrate that these requirements have been met.

Any student who has completed an Advanced Life Support 1 or Advanced Life Support 2 course accredited with the Australian Resuscitation Council can submit their accreditation to InPlace.