

Course Title: **Contemporary Critical Care Paramedicine**

Course Code: **PARA805**

Descriptor Start Date: **02/01/2026**

POINTS: **30.00**

LEVEL: **8**

PREREQUISITE/S:

COREQUISITE/S:

RESTRICTION/S:

LEARNING HOURS

Hours may include lectures, tutorials, online forums, laboratories. Refer to your timetable and course information in Canvas for detailed information.

Total learning hours: 300

PRESCRIPTOR

Examines, critiques, and develops critical care paramedic practice. Enables graduate paramedics to provide advanced life support measures underpinned by sound clinical reasoning.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Undertake in-depth analyses of the scientific and/or professional and/or technical literature pertinent to critical care paramedic practice.
2. Critically examine, evaluate and manage complex case presentations.
3. Critically apply advanced life support interventions aligned with current best practice guidelines to optimise patient outcomes and ensure clinical safety.
4. Articulate sound advanced clinical reasoning.

CONTENT

- Pre-hospital emergency medicine and resuscitation research
- Current national and international best practice guidelines for intensive paramedicine
- Advanced neonatal, paediatric and adult life support clinical interventions
- Complex cases with co-morbidities
- Clinical safety
- Clinical reasoning

LEARNING & TEACHING STRATEGIES

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The student will achieve the learning outcomes in classroom-based workshops, online interactive study, self-directed learning, clinical simulation, and clinical placement. Reading widely within targeted areas will be expected. Selected materials will be provided which students will be required to read prior to workshops or online activity.

ASSESSMENT PLAN

Assessment Event	Weighting %	Learning Outcomes
Written Assessment (2500 words)	30.00	LO1
Practical Assessment (35 mins)	50.00	LO2, LO3
Verbal Assessment (20 mins)	20.00	LO4

Grade Map

MAP1

A+ A A- Pass with Distinction

B+ B B- Pass with Merit

C+ C C- Pass

D Fail

Overall requirement/s to pass the course:

Students must achieve an overall average grade of at least C- across all summative assessments to pass this course.

LEARNING RESOURCES

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For further information, contact: Te Ara Hauora A Putaiao - Faculty of Health & Environmental Science

Principal Programme: AK3487, Postgraduate Diploma in Health Science

Related Programme/s: AK3484 Postgraduate Certificate in Health Science
AK3485 Master of Health Science
AK3487 Postgraduate Diploma in Health Science
AK3733 Master of Health Practice

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