

# CAREERS

## at a glance

### JOB OF THE WEEK

#### What is it?



A paramedic is a medical professional who specialises in emergency treatment. They are not doctors, nurses, or physician's assistants.

Paramedics are usually first to the scene to treat someone who may be hurt or poorly. They have to quickly identify causes of pain and deliver medical care.

#### Day to day tasks

Paramedics are responsible for the following day to day tasks:

- Provide treatment, such as first aid or life support care, to sick or injured patients.
- Prepare patients for and safely transport them to the emergency department of a hospital or other healthcare facility.
- Document and report observations and any treatment provided, to physicians, nurses, or other healthcare staff.



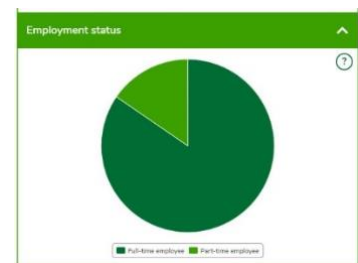
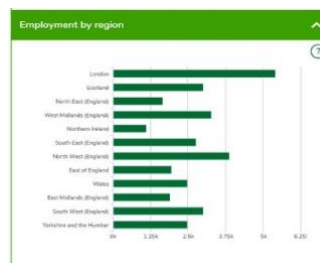
#### Qualifications

To become a paramedic you will need to do a paramedic science degree approved by the Health and Care Professions Council. Full-time courses usually take 3 years.

#### Salary

Salaries are covered by the NHS, this varies from £25,655 - £75,874.

#### Jobs and labour market



#### Routes into the industry

Paramedic science courses usually take between three or four years full time and include a mixture of theory and practical work including placements with the ambulance services. or equivalent qualifications: a BTEC, HND or HNC, including science. a relevant NVQ.