**BSc (Hons) Paramedic Science**

**Interview instructions for applicants**

**These guidelines are for applicants who, as part of the application process for BSc (Hons) Paramedic Science degree, have been invited to attend an interview at the University of Suffolk.**

**Interview Day Schedule**

Please review your interview invitation to determine whether you have been invited to attend the morning or afternoon interview session. Please report to the **Waterfront Building** Reception for registration on the day.

**Morning interviews:**

Please arrive so that we can start promptly at 9am, we anticipate those attending the morning session will finish all interview activities (including campus tour) by 12pm.

**Afternoon interviews:**

Please arrive so that we can start promptly at 1:00 PM, we anticipate those attending the afternoon session will finish all interview activities (including campus tour) by 4:30pm.

Please be aware that the end time is variable based upon the number of applicants in attendance at your selection day.

The interview is split into three sections.

Initially, you will be met by the course team and introduced to the course, giving you more information about the programme and an opportunity to speak to current students.

The second part is a 1-1 interview where you will be interviewed by a panel from the course team and asked a range of interview questions. This section runs concurrently with the third part of the interview process which is a group work task aiming to see how well you can discuss and interact with those around you.

**Important Information**

* Interviews are designed to assess any number the following:
* Understanding of the role of the paramedic and care of the patient in a range of settings.
* Motivation and commitment to undertake the programme and to practice as a paramedic.
* Understanding of team working and the ability to work with others in an appropriate manner.
* Understanding of the role of a professional within a healthcare environment.
* Understanding of the principles of good communication and the ability to effectively communicate during the interview.
* Appreciation of the issues relating to the care of the patient.
* A caring and empathetic approach to care, recognising the importance promoting diversity.
* Ability to meet the academic demands of the programme whilst undertaking clinical placements.
* Understanding of the requirements and responsibilities of being a student on a professional programme.

Your participation and contribution is assessed against a number of factors which we will use to inform our decision on the outcome of your interview

**Outcomes from the interview process could be**

Offer: Conditional/unconditional | Alternative Course Offer | Gathered Field I Reserve List | Reject

**Question: What does it mean if I’m in a gathered field?**

**Answer:** We use this approach due to the highly competitive nature of the application process for the Paramedic Science programme versus the number of places we have to offer on our programme. Once we have completed all of our interviews, we will notify all applicants as to whether or not they have been offered a place on the programme. We anticipate this would fall within April.

**Question: What does it mean if I’m on a reserve list?**

**Answer:** If you have been offered a place on the 'reserve list', you will initially see a 'Reject' decision in your UCAS Hub and you will receive an email from the university offering you a place on the reserve list. If you would like to be on the reserve list you will need to respond to that email to let us know. We may call candidates from the reserve list to offer a place on to the course any time from August until two weeks after the start of the course. Your place on the list will be determined by the score you achieved at the interview. The reserve list enables us to meet our commission numbers when candidates who accept an offer subsequently chose to withdraw or do not meet the conditions of their offer and their offer is withdrawn, so another space becomes available. Please note that we are unable to inform candidates where they are on the reserve list.

**Question: If I am on the reserve list, will I automatically get a place the following year?**

**Answer:** Unfortunately, no. Candidates accepting a place on the reserve list will need to reapply to be considered for a place the following year if they are not offered a place from the reserve list.

Feedback to those unsuccessful candidates is available on request via the Admissions office only. Please email admissions@uos.ac.uk and your request will be forwarded to the Admissions Tutor for reply.

**Suggested Resource List:**

Some useful websites are:

[BSc (Hons) Paramedic Science Interview Preparation (cloud.microsoft)](https://sway.cloud.microsoft/EBAD3VQqFeMfWHEM?ref=email)

Health & Care Professions Council Student Hub: <https://www.hcpc-uk.org/students/>

Note: These links are suggested as a general guide only and are not specifically endorsed or published by the University of Suffolk; this is also not an exhaustive list and you should ensure that you prepare for your interview fully through wider reading.

Candidates may also wish to refer to current articles and reports in publications concerned with Paramedic Practice.

We hope that you will find this information useful. However, if you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the Admissions Team who will be able to direct you to the relevant person or team to help answer any questions you may have:

Telephone: 01473 338348

Email: Admissions@uos.ac.uk

Finally, we look forward to speaking with you soon and wish you well in interview. Please give yourself the best chance of success, by ensuring that you are well prepared.

Best wishes on behalf of the Course and Admission teams

**Lee Marshall**

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