



RESEARCH PARTICIPATION

Australian paramedic mental healthcare education

We would like to invite **Paramedics & Paramedic Program University Graduates** to participate in research to:

Help us understand **what the important issues are with the state of mental health education for professional paramedics and graduates of university paramedic programs**

The aim of the research:

The increasing incidence of mental health presentations in paramedic practice highlights the need for appropriate mental health education to support paramedics in this area. Despite efforts to introduce mental health education and training, there continues to be extensive debate and discussion surrounding the quality and effectiveness of this education within the Australian paramedic landscape. This project aims to explore the views and experiences of key stakeholders regarding this issue to inform future efforts to support effective mental health education for the pre-hospital care environment.

What does the research involve?

The research involves an interview (approximately an hour of your time) either in person or via telephone or other agreed means. The interview will be audio-recorded and later transcribed for analysis. The interviews will be confidential. No ambulance organisation or university will be privy to who has participated in the study. You can withdraw from the study at any stage until the point that data analysis commences, cease the interview or choose whether to discuss in-depth areas that may be sensitive. Information will be provided to you in the full participant information sheet providing the contact details of support services should you require them.

To be involved: You need to be:

- ❖ A paramedic with 24 months or greater of on-road clinical experience (Vocational or University-trained)
- Or;
- ❖ A paramedic university program graduate who completed a mental health subject as part of their studies and who has had less than 12 months on-road clinical experience

If you are interested in sharing your story please contact;

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This research project has been approved by the Flinders University Human Research Ethics Committee (**Project Number 2077**). Queries or concerns regarding the research can be directed to the research team. If you have any complaints or reservations about the ethical conduct of this study, you may contact the Flinders University's Research Ethics & Compliance Office team via telephone 08 8201 3116 or email human.researchethics@flinders.edu.au.