Paramedic Pre-Degree Experience Support Workers

An exciting opportunity has arisen to become part of a national pilot scheme led by Health Education England for up to 30 aspiring paramedic students to get real, paid caring experience for 6 months as Support Worker before entering undergraduate paramedic education. As part of this pilot, Health Education England (East of England Local Office) will be recruiting 30 Support Workers across Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridge and Essex. The post will be a fixed term 6 month contract as a Support Worker in a variety of settings across the East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust. Applicants will need to apply for both the Support Worker role and through UCAS for a place on the BSc Paramedic Science Programme and must be shortlisted for both to proceed.

To join the paramedic programme, you will be required to make 2 applications, 1 through NHS Jobs for the SW role and 1 through UCAS (deadline 25th January 2016) stating clearly at the start of your UCAS personal statement that you are applying for the Paramedic Pre Degree Pilot. See below for UCAS application details**

Participants in the pilot will have the opportunity to:

- Be a pioneer in a new learning opportunity for people who want to go to university to train as a paramedic
- Get paid to gain vital experience of caring for patients on the front line of the NHS
- Find out whether a caring career really is right for you

What do we want from you?

- You must be an aspiring paramedic
- You must be able to apply to university to train to be a paramedic at the same time as submitting your application for the pilot SW role – you should, or will, be able to meet the academic criteria for university (see below)*
- You should have no or little experience of caring – you shouldn’t have already worked in a patient facing role in the NHS or within a care setting.
- You will agree to being part of the pilot evaluation so we can understand the impact of the experience on you
- If successful at interview, you must be available to commence in the Support Worker post by the end of February / mid-March 2016
- EEAST entry requirements - You must have held a valid UK driving for 2 years, and pass NHS pre-employment checks, eDBS, OH, fitness and you be expected to travel to gain valid experience.

The East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust is taking part in the pilot and applications should be made via: direct applicants to NHS Jobs http://www.jobs.nhs.uk/

Reference Code: 247-A&EXSWPILOT1602
Closing date for applications is midnight on Monday 25\textsuperscript{th} January 2016. Interviews for the University of East Anglia (UEA) will be held on the afternoon of 01/02/2016 or Saturday 6\textsuperscript{th} February 2016 at UEA.

* UEA Entry Criteria for the undergraduate Paramedic Science Programmes can be found at the following site

UEA https://www.uea.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/degree/detail/bsc-paramedic-science

Please note applicants who do not meet the academic criteria for their preferred University will not be considered for this pilot.

** Applications need to be made via the Universities Colleges and Admissions Services (UCAS), using the UCAS Apply option. The UCAS code name and number for the University of East Anglia is (B780) EANGL E14.

https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/apply-and-track