

Higher Education Program News

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Higher Education Updates

Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

This week we are preparing for a focus group, which will convene next week on August 10th and 11th. The group will be exploring and discussing the current and desired state of resource materials disseminated by FEMA's Emergency Management Higher Education Program. The group will also be reviewing our courses, white papers, reports, symposium materials, website and focus group products as well as discussing valuable resources they are currently using in their programs.

As focus group participants prepare for the session, they are considering the following questions:

- ☐ What are the most valuable resource elements of your programs?
- ☐ What are the current strengths of our Higher Education Program resources?
- ☐ What key improvement could be made?
- ☐ Why do you feel that this is an area that requires improvement?
- ☐ What is the most impactful thing we could do to improve Higher Education Resources?

If you would like to share your input with the group, please send an [email](#) by August 9th and I will share your feedback with the group.

New! EM Higher Education Community Conference Calls – Please join us. The purpose of the call is to: learn from the emergency management academic community what is new and exciting in their world; find out about ongoing projects; discuss higher education community needs that we can address; and provide the opportunity for callers to ask questions. **Dates for the next conference calls are August 18 and September 15.** Calls will be held 2:00-3:00 p.m. EDT. Call information for August 18 is 800-320-4330, PIN: **271433**.

Hi Ed Webinar, “The role of research in emergency management education: Current status and future directions,” **September 28, 2016, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. EST.** For more than a decade, members of the emergency management higher education community have discussed the need to use research in emergency management programs. This webinar will feature discussion of results of a recent study related to utilization of research by Arkansas State University students and engage webinar attendees in discussing the extent to which those findings are similar to their perceptions and experience at their institutions. The webinar will also discuss efforts to address research issues in emergency management higher education programs.

Speakers: Deborah J. Persell, PhD, RN, APN, Director, Regional Center for Disaster Preparedness Education College of Nursing and Health Professions Arkansas State University and Jessica Jensen, Ph.D.,



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Please [register](#) in advance. **Conference Call-In: 800-320-4330, PIN: 995678**

EM Hi Ed Webinar Series - If you are interested in sharing your expertise, or would like us to cover a specific topic in a future webinar, please contact Wendy Walsh at wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov.

College List - The Higher Education Program updates the website in an effort to keep the information current. The college list is a compilation of college and university emergency management, homeland security, and related programs. Send your updates to FEMA-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov.

Remember to Mark Your Calendar for the next Hi Ed Symposium! The 19th Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium will be held June 5-8, 2017 at FEMA's National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

The **2017 L0363 Multi-Hazard Emergency Management for Higher Education** host application is now posted. If you are interested in applying to host the course in 2017, please go to the [website](#) and complete an application. If you have any questions, please [contact Tina Hovermale](#).

Resources and Announcements

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Every year, September is recognized as [National Preparedness Month](#) which serves as a reminder that we all must take action to prepare, now and throughout the year, for the types of emergencies that could affect us where we live, work, and also where we visit.

[Meeting Future Emergency Management Challenges through Education.](#) The University of New Mexico is hosting a three-hour elective [Emergency Management and Preparedness](#) course this fall [1][b2]designed to students how to better prepare themselves, their family and community in the event of an emergency. For more [information](#).

[Presidential Policy Directive/PPD -41 - Presidential Policy Directive -- United States Cyber Incident Coordination](#)

[Managing Life-and-Death Situations.](#) When a disaster strikes, skilled management can save lives and political futures.

Calendar

The Disaster Information Specialist monthly [webinar](#), August 11, 2016: 1:30 pm ET. Reports from two Disaster Health Information Outreach and Collaboration Projects: “*Public Health Emergency Coordination with Libraries*” and “*The Value of Improved and Sustained Information access By Library Expertise (VISIBLE) in Missouri.*” Event Password: 1234. Free and open to everyone. For more [information](#) on this and past meeting

August 21, 2016 by 5 p.m.: The Kansas Emergency Management Association is accepting applications for the [2016 KEMA Scholarship](#) for Kansas emergency managers. Two \$250.00 scholarships are available. The [scholarship](#) is awarded to a current KEMA member and/or student seeking professional development or a degree in emergency or disaster management. Submit applications electronically to [Jillian Rodrigue](#).

Aug. 24, 2016 2:00 p.m. EDT: The National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) offers the 3rd Annual Public Health [Webinar](#), “Public Health Mission Ready Packages.” Learn how the Public Health and Medical Mission Ready package templates created by the NEMA/ASTHO (Association of State and Territorial Health Officials) Working Group, were used to develop Mission Ready packages in states.



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