



Higher Education Program News July 29, 2016

Higher Education Updates

Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

This past Monday, I had the great pleasure of sharing our Higher Education Program with homeland security and emergency preparedness high school educators at the Maryland State Department of Education and Mid-Atlantic Center for Emergency Management's Summer Institute. This was the third gathering of its kind, and I was very impressed with the lineup of speakers as well as the teachers who are spear-heading the Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Program for delivery in high schools across the state of Maryland.

The program is part of the Maryland State Department of Education's [Career and Technology Education](#) which has 10 programs of study including the Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (HSEP) program of study which is housed in the Human Resources Services cluster. There are currently 11 school systems that offer the program, 28 high schools that have signed up, 1,329 students that are currently enrolled, and 147 students who have successfully completed the program. There are three pathways of study in HSEP—homeland security science, criminal justice and law enforcement, and information communications technology. 92.45 percent of the program graduates have passed the industry-recognized credential for GIS certification. Three colleges – University of Maryland, University College, Frederick Community College and Hagerstown Community College – have statewide articulation agreements with the program.

At our Higher Education Symposium in June, we had an opportunity to discuss the National Training and Education System with FEMA leaders. The importance of K-12 education was raised several times as a critical focal point, not only for growing the emergency management profession but also to improve our nation's culture of preparedness. The dialogue I observed at the institute covered many of the topics we discuss in our Higher Education Community of Interest such as: how can we share resources, how do we ensure that our students have a clear career path post education, what are the best ways to integrate the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and other doctrine into curricula, and how to provide real world experiences to augment education? I look forward to seeing the success of this program and am very interested in learning about other similar programs in our nation.

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



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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.**

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.

August 5 is the deadline to apply for the 2017 National Emergency Management Executive Academy. The program hones strategic leadership and critical thinking for senior executives involved with multi-jurisdictional, national, and international homeland security and emergency management policy development and decision making responsibilities. Emergency management academic executive level leaders are encouraged to apply for the program. For more information, contact Wendy Walsh at (301) 447-1262.

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](#).

Employment

Vacancy announcement for a Contracting Officer Representative, GS- 1101-11/11 FEMA/ National Preparedness Directorate, Center for Domestic Preparedness. Open 07/22/2016 -08/01/2016

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/445509700/>

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/445510200/>

Vacancy announcement has been posted for an Emergency Management Specialist, GS-0089-11/13 FEMA, National Preparedness Directorate, Individual & Community Preparedness Division. Open 07/22- 8/01/2016.

DE: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/445551400>

MP: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/445553700>

Resources and Announcements

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plans, customizable checklist of emergency supplies, and maps of open shelters and disaster recovery centers. The app is available on the Apple App Store and on Google Play.

Watch [Travel Smart This Summer with the FEMA App: Video](#)

[Investing in Higher Education: Benefits, Challenges, and the State of Student Debt](#)

[Active Shooter/Hostile Event \(ASHE\) Guide](#)

[Characterizing Risk in Climate Change Assessments: Proceedings of a Workshop for the U.S. Global Change Research Program](#)

[Digital engagement methods for earthquake and fire preparedness: a review](#)

[Top 10 Communication Methods in a Disaster Setting](#)

[American Dunkirk: The Waterborne Evacuation of Manhattan on 9/11](#). Disaster experts James Kendra and Tricia Wachtendorf examine the efforts through fieldwork and interviews with many of the participants to understand the evacuation and its larger implications for the entire practice of disaster management. The authors ultimately explore how people—as individuals, groups, and formal organizations—pull together to respond to and recover from startling, destructive events. The authors are the co-directors of the [Disaster Research Center](#) in Delaware.

Calendar

[64th Annual IAEM Conference and EMEX, Savannah, GA, October 14-19, 2016](#)

The Auburn University Online Certificate Program in Emergency Management for Government and the Public Sector Certificate's next scheduled elective course will be 8/15/2016 through 9/11/2016. Defense Support of Civil Authorities course is designed to help those currently in roles of public responsibility develop an understanding of the role of the Department of Defense in homeland security and emergency management. [To enroll](#). [For more information](#). [Program Overview](#).

International Disaster and Risk Conference "Integrative Risk Management - towards resilient cities," is Aug. 28 – Sept. 1, 2016. IDRC offers **9 plenary sessions and 3 workshops** and an outstanding set of international speakers. [Registration](#) is still open for the 6th International Disaster and Risk Conference IDRC Davos 20

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