

Andrews University –Undergraduate Emphasis in Emergency Preparedness and Graduate Programs with Emergency Management Track

Bachelor of Science in Behavioral Sciences, Emphasis in Emergency Preparedness

Undergraduate students interested in entry-level positions in Emergency Management may now enroll in Emergency Preparedness as an emphasis within the B.S. in Behavioral Sciences. The emphasis requires 55 credits including the following courses:

BHSC 408 Introduction to Emergency Preparedness (2 cr)
BSAD 355 Management of Organizations (3 cr)
BHSC 478 Principles and Practice of Hazards Mitigation (3 cr)
BHSC 490 Capstone in Emergency Preparedness Practicum (2 cr).

Student completing this undergraduate emphasis are eligible to apply for Advanced Preparation status in the M.S.A. in Community and International Development which continues preparation for management positions with an Emphasis in Emergency Preparedness (see below).

Graduate Degrees:

Andrews University offers graduate work in Emergency Preparedness through two degree programs and a certificate. Within the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Social Work, the MSA and MSW degrees each provide emphases in Emergency Preparedness.

Master of Science in Administration (MSA): Community and International Development

Within the requirements for the MSA in Community and International Development an Emphasis in Disaster Preparedness of 9 semester credits may be obtained:

BHSC 408 Introduction to Emergency Preparedness (2 cr)
BSAD 526 Emergency Management (3 cr)
BHSC 425 Emergency Planning (2 cr)
BHSC 449 Disaster Response and Emergency Operations (2 cr).
COMM 435 Crisis Communications (2 cr)

Master of Social Work (MSW):

As part of the MSW degree, students may complete a package of 9 semester credits to receive an Emphasis in Emergency Preparedness. These courses are:

SOWK 408 Introduction to Emergency Preparedness (2 cr)
SOWK 425 Emergency Planning (2 cr).
BSAD 526 Emergency Management (3 cr.)
SOWK 449 Disaster Response and Emergency Operations (2 cr.)

A Certificate in Emergency Preparedness is also available through the Department of Social Work by adding to the above courses the following courses, totaling 18-19 credits:

SOWK 478 Principles and Practice of Hazards Mitigation (3 cr)
COMM 535 Crisis Communication (3 cr)
SOWK 477 Community Assessment and Capacity Mapping (2 cr)
SOWK 535 Field Instruction (Emergency Preparedness Experience),1-2 cr.

Students do not need to complete a Master's degree from Andrews University in order to complete this Certificate program.

Andrews University is a private institution operated by the Seventh-day Adventist church, which has extensive humanitarian operations, both in the U.S. and internationally (Adventist Development and Relief Agency). Graduate work in International Development is offered to professionals in humanitarian agencies in three sites: Italy, Kenya, and Chile. As a result, opportunities for practica in disaster response in countries outside the U.S.A. are available.

Andrews University is accredited through by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

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