Bucks County Community College - Emergency Management Academic Certificate

This certificate program provides students an opportunity to pursue a career in emergency management or for professional development for those currently employed or who already have a degree in another field.

The Emergency Management Certificate Program, which is aligned with the Emergency Management Institute’s Higher Education Program and the Principles of Emergency Management, prepares the student for a position in Emergency Management, Business Continuity, and related disciplines. In addition to the courses that prepare the student to plan for all-hazards, the courses in this curriculum provide the student with technical information on a wide range of topics.

Graduates of this program are able to:

- Manage a public or private sector emergency management plan;
- Demonstrate and apply the fundamental skills associated with emergency planning, hazard vulnerability analysis, risk assessment, and business impact analysis based on emergency management concepts;
- Evaluate vulnerabilities to communities and businesses through discussion-based and operations-based exercises;
- Develop plans for resilience and continuity of essential operations based on after action reviews; and
- Apply emergency management principles for the prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery to all-hazards.

Total Credits for Degree: 38

Bucks has entered into several articulation or transfer agreements with major area institutions facilitating transfer into four-year colleges and universities with baccalaureate programs in Emergency Management and similar fields.

Holders of certain recognized state and professional certifications in fire and emergency services may be eligible for articulated course credit.

Certificate Requirements; Recommended Semester Sequence:

First Semester
ACCT105  Financial Accounting  4
COLL101  College Orientation Seminar  1
PUBS101  Introduction to Emergency Management  3
Total Credit Hours: 8

Second Semester
MGMT140  Supervision  3
POLI120  American State and Local Government  3
PUBS104  Crisis Management and Critical Incident Stress  3
Total Credit Hours:  9

Third Semester
FRSC202  Hazardous Materials  3
MGMT200  Organizational Behavior  3
MGMT230  Principles of Management  3
PUBS206  Business Continuity Management  3
Total Credit Hours: 12

Fourth Semester
MGMT250  Human Resource Management  3
PUBS207  Emergency Management Exercise Design  3
PUBS212  Emergency Communication and Public Information  3
Total Credit Hours:  9

Bucks County Community College is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

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