

## **Metropolitan College of New York, New York - Master of Public Administration Degree in Emergency and Disaster Management**

The Metropolitan College of New York is offering a Master of Public Administration (MPA) Degree in Emergency and Disaster Management. The MPA in Emergency and Disaster Management is a 45-credit advanced degree program which opens new career tracks for recent college graduates and further develops professionals already working in the field. Over a twelve month period, the students explore the complex world of emergency management and homeland security issues learning from industry leaders from throughout the New York metropolitan area. This highly-specialized degree covers the planning, management, logistics, response, relief, recovery and economics associated with managing emergency situations. To accommodate working professionals, classes meet on Wednesday evenings and Saturday.

The program is centered on the concept of a “constructive action”, which is a 3-semester long research project, beginning in the first semester, around which the courses are designed, and which results in a graduate-level thesis. The constructive action entails development of an emergency operations plan, implementing the plan, and assessing the impact of the plan. The constructive action is done as a group project, with students working as a class on a single, comprehensive emergency management plan for a real agency or organization. The final product has to be in compliance with the Emergency Management Principles, NFPA 1600 Standards and introduced to the actual client with a table-top exercise followed by After Action Report. In addition to the constructive action project, students are encouraged to do internships at various public, private, and not-for-profit agencies. As preparation for these internship opportunities, students study focus on significant issues in emergency management and homeland security including public health, terrorism, disaster management, economics and the role of federal and state governments including Project Management, Enterprise Risk Management and Business Continuity. Students are encouraged to leverage networking opportunities with faculty, alumni and other business leaders.

Most of the Emergency and Disaster Management graduates are currently employed in Major Hospitals, City; state; and Federal agencies, major Airlines, banks, international relief organizations, the United Nations, NY/NJ Port Authority, Con Edison, and National Grid.

Some of the program graduates chose to do International relief work in countries such as- Kenya, Chile, Philippines , Italy, Sudan; ME , Macedonia, Liberia, South America, Haiti, Pakistan, Nepal, and the Caribbean. The program has multiple memorandum of Understanding with universities in Chile, Italy, Turkey, Ecuador, Mexico, and Spain.

A unique feature of this program is the intensive 10-day Study Abroad component included with program tuition. The Study Abroad is an action-oriented immersive experience. It is designed to ensure that students have the opportunity to work collaboratively in a pan-cultural environment and learn from their international peers. The field study portion of the program sometimes requires students to attend classes, meetings, or take conference calls during non-class hours. It might also require that presentations are given to executives and professionals and students should be appropriately prepared for such. All scheduling is dependent upon the agency or organization that the class is working with and what their class project entails. The program director will monitor global disaster activity and select the geographic region that best suits the student’s educational experience. Recent trips have been to Chile; Istanbul; Italy; Malaga, Ecuador, and Barcelona to study best practices in Emergency Management.

Additional Information: <http://www.metropolitan.edu/>  
<https://www.mcny.edu/academics/school-public-affairs-administration/mpa-emergency-disaster-management/>

### **Purpose 1**

MPA 710 PCA: Identification of Organizational Disaster Needs, Initiating an Emergency Management Plan - 3 credit(s)

MPA 710 SEL: Research and Analysis Methods in Disaster Management - 3 credit(s)

MPA 710 SKI: Foundations of Business Continuity Management - 3 credit(s)

MPA 710 SYS: Preparing and Planning for Disasters - 3 credit(s)

MPA 710 VAL: Values and Ethics for Administrative Decision Making - 3 credit(s)

**Purpose 2**

MPA 720 PCA: Implementation of an Emergency Management Plan - 3 credit(s)

MPA 720 SEL: Economics and Social Trends and Implementing Social Services - 3 credit(s)

MPA 720 SKI: Foundations of Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) - 3 credit(s)

MPA 720 SYS: Enterprise Risk Management - 3 credit(s)

MPA 720 VAL: Public Health Systems Preparedness and Response Implementation - 3 credit(s)

**Purpose 3**

MPA 730 PCA: Evaluation and Improvement of an Emergency Management Plan - 3 credit(s)

MPA 730 SEL: Evaluating Cultural Competencies and Community Resilience - 3 credit(s)

MPA 730 SKI: Advanced Business Continuity Practicum - 3 credit(s)

MPA 730 SYS: Homeland Security Policy and Procedures - 3 credit(s)

MPA 730 VAL: Information Technologies and Cybersecurity in Disaster Planning - 3 credit(s)

Metropolitan College of New York is a member of the Middle States Commission of Higher Education .

## **Core Capabilities**

Community Resilience  
Critical Transportation  
Cybersecurity  
Environmental Response / Health and Safety  
Fatality Management Services  
Health and Social Services  
Housing  
Infrastructure Systems  
Intelligence and Information Sharing  
Interdiction and Disruption  
Logistics and Supply Chain Management  
Long-term Vulnerability Reduction  
Mass Care Services  
Natural and Cultural Resources  
Operational Communications  
Operational Coordination  
Physical Protective Measures  
Planning  
Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services  
Public Information and Warning  
Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment  
Risk Management for Protection Programs and Activities  
Screening, Search, and Detection  
Situational Assessment  
Supply Chain Integrity and Security  
Threats and Hazards Identification

### **Core Competencies**

Abide by Professional Ethics  
Community Engagement  
Disaster Risk Management  
Geographic Literacy  
Governance and Civics  
Leadership  
Operate within the EM Framework, Principles, and Body of Knowledge  
Possess Critical Thinking  
Scientific Literacy  
Sociocultural Literacy  
Systems Literacy  
Technological Literacy  
Value Continual Learning

### **Internship is optional**

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