

Pierce College – Associates of Arts Degree in Technology (AA-DTA) - Homeland Security Emergency Management

The Homeland Security Emergency Management (HSEM) associate degree program is designed to prepare the next generation of emergency management and policy leaders with the knowledge and skills they need to improve outcomes in all-hazards emergencies. This online program includes instruction in policy as well as planning and operational components of emergency management and homeland security and includes opportunities to gain practical experience and work with current incident management technologies.

The curriculum provides policy foundations and advances students through core competencies in hazard identification; risk and vulnerability assessment; planning, terrorism awareness; protection, prevention, response, recovery and mitigation. The degree will prepare students with the competencies to work in an all-hazards preparedness environment, including an understanding of the implications of disasters on individuals, families and communities.

Students must successfully complete a minimum of 108 - 111 quarter credits (65-68 general education, 43 Core Associates courses or their equivalent.)

HSEM Core Requirements (43 credits)

- *HSEM 102 Introduction to Homeland Security Emergency Management 5
- *HSEM 110 Basic Incident Command System/National Incident Management System 2
- *HSEM 120 All Hazards Emergency Planning 3
- *HSEM 130 Technology in Emergency Management 3
- *HSEM 157 Public Information Officer 2
- *HSEM 160 Emergency Response Awareness to Terrorism 5
- *HSEM 180 Public Administration 3
- *HSEM 190 Special Topics in Homeland Security Emergency Management 3
- HSEM 200 Emergency Operations Center 2
- HSEM 210 Exercise Design and Evaluation 3
- HSEM 220 Developing and Managing Volunteer Resources 2
- HSEM 230 Disaster Response and Recovery 2
- HSEM 240 HSEM Work-based Learning 5
- HSEM 250 Homeland Security Law and Ethics 3

HSEM Electives (15 credits)

*Indicates HSEM Certificate (26 credits)

Pierce College is accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges and the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges. It is part of the state system of public community and technical colleges.

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