Pierce College – Homeland Security Emergency Management Certificate

The Homeland Security/Emergency Management certificate is offered at Pierce College through online course work. The program addresses competencies required of emergency management professionals in careers in federal, state or local government.

Program Outcomes
1. Apply effective interpersonal communication, critical thinking and decision-making skills commensurate with a defined level of responsibility.
2. Develop agency/organization specific tools to evaluate specific domestic security challenges for the 21st Century that face the United States and other industrialized nations.
3. Design and modify plans and programs at federal, state, and/or local levels to reflect the evolving strategic policy issues associated with a statutory and presidential direction for homeland security.
4. Recognize how to access and disseminate information through multiple agencies in order to forecast the risks, types, and orders of magnitude of terrorist threats most likely to confront the nation/state.
5. Define the interdisciplinary nature of Homeland Security/Emergency Management functions and be able to assess and integrate various functional areas.
6. Apply a solid foundation of knowledge and skills to assume leadership roles in emergency management, homeland security, and/or public policy.

Required Courses

HSEM 102 Introduction to 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 Homeland Security Emergency Management Special Topics* 1 (May be offered from 1 - 5 credits)

Total Credits Required 24-28

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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