University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill - Certificate Program in Community Preparedness and Disaster Management

The Department of Health Policy and Management in the top ranked Gillings School of Global Public Health at UNC-Chapel Hill offers the online Certificate Program in Community Preparedness and Disaster Management, which provides community leaders in public health, health services, fire, law enforcement, military, veterinary services, emergency medical services, and emergency management with the opportunity to enhance their knowledge of management systems used to prepare for, and to respond to, natural and man-made disasters, including terrorism.

These graduate-level courses provide an overview of the entire disaster management system and will focus on specific issues that identify the strengths and weaknesses of the current system. Two major goals of the courses are to engage students’ creative processes to facilitate the development and refinement of systems that will work in the community, and to help develop a common conceptual understanding of the issues facing disaster management in order to produce a more coordinated, regional response to an event. Students learn by participating and doing rather than by memorizing. Courses are not training workshops designed to teach first responder skills. Instead, they are graduate-level learning sessions designed to provide a better understanding of administrative processes and issues surrounding disaster management best practices. A large, systems viewpoint is presented with facilitated discussion to allow students to seek ways to develop or to improve processes in their communities.

If you’ve been thinking about expanding your individual knowledge or you want to advance your career in disaster management, this program is a perfect fit. We run one cohort of students each year — beginning every January. Our application deadline is the first week of December for January classes. The certificate is taught entirely online with an optional graduation attendance. There is no on campus time required. You will learn an “all hazards” approach to disaster management with an emphasis on building an emergency management system through partnering and networking.


Requirements

- HPM 420: Community and Public Health Security – Disasters, Terrorism, and Emergency Management Systems - 3 credit(s)
- HPM 422: Emergency Management I – Analytic Methods - 3 credit(s)
- HPM 423: Emergency Management II – Disaster Management - 3 credit(s)

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill is a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and the Council on Education for Public Health.
**Core Capabilities**

Access Control and Identity Verification  
Community Resilience  
Economic Recovery  
Environmental Response / Health and Safety  
Intelligence and Information Sharing  
Logistics and Supply Chain Management  
Long-term Vulnerability Reduction  
Mass Care Services  
On-scene Security, Protection and Law Enforcement  
Operational Communications  
Operational Coordination  
Planning  
Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services  
Public Information and Warning  
Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment  
Situational Assessment  
Threats and Hazards Identification

**Core Competencies**

Abide by Professional Ethics  
Community Engagement  
Disaster Risk Management  
Governance and Civics  
Leadership  
Operate within the EM Framework, Principles, and Body of Knowledge  
Systems Literacy

**For More Information:**

Contact(s):  
Bill Gentry, MPA  
Department of Health Policy and Management  
wgentry@unc.edu  
9199664228

Contact(s):  
Kim Sieler  
Gillings School of Global Public Health  
krsieler@email.unc.edu  
9199667364
Institution:  University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
UNC-Chapel Hill
CB 7411, 120 Rosenau Hall
Chapel Hill, NC 275997411
http://sph.unc.edu/hpm/hpm-degrees-and-certificates/community-preparedness-and-disaster-
management-cpdm-3/
(919) 966-7364

Updated:  1/30/2020

"Please note: Some of the websites linked to in this document are not federal government websites, and may not
necessarily operate under the same laws, regulations, and policies as federal websites."