University of South Florida - Online Master of Public Health in Global Disaster Management, Humanitarian Relief, and Homeland Security

The United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR), World Health Organization (WHO) and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) appeal for greater focus on health in disaster management and homeland security. Zika and Ebola highlight the need to develop response capacities to include health emergencies. Protection and public health interventions are needed for host communities, refugee populations and for those internally displaced following natural or man-made disasters. Where and when the next tsunami or earthquake will strike, predicting the future impacts of climate change, or knowing when the next terrorist group will attack is unknown. But the logic behind professionally mitigating and preparing for the next incident to occur that places us in a stronger position to respond and recovery for complex emergencies.

The program has both a strong research base and is designed to supplement and enhance work-related experiences of professionals to address real-world problems and develop useful tools and outreach programs to serve those affected by humanitarian emergencies. Students in the graduate program are involved in a wide range of topics including the development of early-warning systems, conducting community-based needs assessments, organizing humanitarian action with a focus on logistical support, and identifying national and international trends affecting the outcomes of health services for populations affected by disaster.

Our Master of Public Health (MPH) in Global Disaster Management, Humanitarian Relief and Homeland Security aims to prepare graduates with the ability to recognize, assess, implement and evaluate programs on a global or local level to serve as leaders in the field. This degree requires the completion of 42 credits.

**Required Courses:**

**MPH Foundation Courses:**
- PHC 6588: History & Systems of Public Health - 1 credit(s)
- PHC 6756: Population Assessment: Part 1 - 5 credit(s)
- PHC 6757: Population Assessment: Part 2 - 3 credit(s)
- PHC 6145: Translation to Public Health Practice - 3 credit(s)
- PHC 6949: Applied Practice Experience - 3 credit(s)
- PHC 6943: Integrated Learning Experiences

**Comprehensive Exam (CPH)**

**Required Concentration Courses:**
- PHC 6230: Foundation of Humanitarian Assistance - 3 credit(s)
- PHC 6183: Overview of US & International Disaster Management - 3 credit(s)
- PHC 6254: Public Health Implications and Concerns in Homeland Security - 3 credit(s)

**Choose Five Electives:**
- PHC 6185: Disaster Preparedness & Planning Concepts - 3 credit(s)
- PHC 6184: Disaster Recovery - 3 credit(s)
PHC 6186: Public Health Emergencies in Large Populations - 3 credit(s)
PHC 6231: Organizing Humanitarian Actions - 3 credit(s)
PHC 6232: From Emergency to Development & Prevention - 3 credit(s)
PHC 6233: Current Challenges in the Humanitarian Field - 3 credit(s)
PHC 6235: Critical Infrastructure Protection for Public Health Concepts - 3 credit(s)
PHC 6236: Business Continuity for Global Health and Security - 3 credit(s)
PHC 6373: Protecting Public Health: Bioterrorism and Biodefense - 3 credit(s)
PHC 6255: Homeland Security: Law, Policy and Public Health - 3 credit(s)
PHC 6934: Disaster Forensics
PHC 6934: Global Health Security

The University of South Florida is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and Council on Education in Public Health (CEPH).

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