University of Wisconsin, Madison – International Emergency Management

The Disaster Management Center at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, (UWDMC) has an international emergency management program focused on natural disaster and refugee emergency management. The UWDMC coordinated development of materials and training courses for the Disaster Management Training Program (DMTP)+ offered by the U.N. Development Program and its Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and has worked with the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees on refugee-related courses. UWDMC states as its primary role, the development of a comprehensive professional development program in disaster/emergency management for individuals from international, national and local government agencies or private voluntary organizations. The UWDMC offers 20 self-study courses (with 10 courses available in Spanish) focusing on international disaster management. Much of the material is applicable to U.S. disaster management. Each course has a technical text, study guide and examination.

Self Study Courses in English:

- Aim and Scope of Disaster Management – 2 CEU
- Principles of Management – 3.5 CEU
- Natural Hazards: Causes and Effects – 3 CEU
- Disaster Preparedness – 2.5 CEU
- Damage and Needs Assessment – 3 CEU
- Disaster Response – 3 CEU
- Environmental Health Management after Natural Disaster – 2 CEU
- Health Services Organization in the Event of Disaster – 2 CEU
- Emergency Health Management after Natural Disaster – 2.5 CEU
- Epidemiologic Surveillance after Natural Disaster – 2 CEU
- Emergency Vector Control after Natural Disaster – 2.5 CEU
- Health Education and Training of Refugee Health Workers – 3 CEU
- Disasters and Development – 2.5 CEU
- Contingency Planning – 2.0 CEU
- Planning an Emergency Response – 2.0 CEU
- Managing an Emergency Response – 2.0 CEU
- Managing External Relations in an Emergency – 2.0 CEU
- Providing Emergency Support and Advice – 2.0 CEU
- Coordination – 2.0 CEU
- Project Management 100 – 2.0 CEU

The UWDMC’s self-study courses accrue Continuing Education Units (CEU). Together with other courses or seminar/workshop participation through the University of Wisconsin and other universities or emergency management institutions worldwide, successful completion of the Disaster Management Diploma requires 60 CEUs earned within a 5-year time period, and fulfillment of curriculum guidelines.
The University of Wisconsin is accredited by the North Central Association Commission on Institutions of Higher Education.

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