

# Emergency Services Management

## Master Degree in Health Sciences

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Health Sciences Master Degree Program in Emergency Services Management (ESM) prepares the participant for leadership positions in the promising careers of emergency services management. The objective of this graduate degree is to provide a diverse foundation of education in the management of emergency services at the local and regional levels, while also emphasizing important differences at state, national and international levels. The Master Degree in Emergency Services Management consists of 33 credit hours in three core areas providing essential education in areas of:

- multidisciplinary emergency services planning at local, state and national levels;
- analysis and development of public policy at multiple government levels and examination of current structure and practices;
- coordinating an effective response to large-scale, high-impact emergencies;
- analyzing emergency service systems for elements of effective policies, interoperability and interagency interaction, and proper organizational structure;
- healthcare enterprise, leadership, and current trends and issues in healthcare systems;
- research methodologies in healthcare and emergency services management;
- applied principles of information management during terrorism response;
- contemporary perspectives on legal and regulatory issues.

### WHO SHOULD CONSIDER THIS DEGREE?

Although it serves to develop leaders in emergency services management from all origins, it is best suited for providers and managers of EMS and similar organizations and systems. Directors of local agencies, administrators of large metropolitan or regional systems, and even state and national career managers would all benefit from the comprehensive program of study.

Mid-level managers and administrators would benefit from some of the advanced and contemporary educational objectives that the degree offers, whereas individuals new to the fields of emergency services can expand their foundation

considerably from the coursework. Successfully attaining this degree would greatly improve the marketability of entry-level individuals seeking a long-term, productive career in emergency services management.

### PROGRAM OF STUDY

Students in the Emergency Services Management Master Degree Program must successfully complete the required 33 credit hours in all three divisions, or transfer comparable coursework as approved by the admission department in the School of Health Sciences. Coursework will be conducted in traditional semester format for a period of fifteen weeks. All coursework is conducted via distance education medium. The three divisions of the required courses, and their corresponding credit hours, are as follows:

#### Professional Core (9 credits):

- Issues and Trends in Health Systems
- The Health Care Enterprise
- Topics in Health Care Leadership

#### Research Core (6 credits):

- Research Methods for Health Professionals I
- Research Methods for Health Professionals II

#### Emergency Services Concentration (18 credits):

- Response to High-impact Emergencies
- Analysis of Emergency Service Systems
- Legal and Regulatory Aspects of Emergency Services
- Public Information Management of Emergency Services
- Strategic Emergency Response
- Leadership and Change in Emergency Services Management

Course can be taken as a part-time student or as a full-time student and are offered in the Spring and Fall semesters. Please check with the University bulletin for course availability.

## ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Applicants to the Emergency Services Management Master Degree Program must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher learning with a GPA of 3.0 or higher, two letters of recommendation, a one-page personal statement regarding your interest in the program and a summary of your past experience in emergency services management, if any.

Applications are being accepted for both fall and spring semesters.

## TUITION/FINANCIAL AID

Please refer to the Health Sciences Programs website for current tuition information at:

<http://www.gwumc.edu/healthsci/>. Students may be eligible for financial aid through their employer or through student loan programs.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Successful completion of the Master Degree Program in Emergency Services Management provides enhanced opportunities for career advancement and promotion (e.g., state and federal level administrative roles) and facilitates entry into this very important and expanding field.

## FACULTY

Instruction in the coursework of Emergency Services Management is conducted by some of the nation's premier experts in disaster mitigation, emergency services administration, coordination of multi-agency responses, and terroristic threats to homeland security. Faculty members are chosen based upon their credentials, experience, and recognized accomplishments.

## ADVANTAGES OF DISTANCE EDUCATION

Distance education has become the most popular means of attaining higher-level education by many busy professionals. It enables working individuals to attend classes on their schedule and receive the very same educational content that their counterparts receive in the classroom. In addition, the Master Degree Program in

Emergency Services Management offers these unique advantages:

- the courses are conducted in a flexible, convenient and interactive format that allows easy access to course materials, to faculty, to ESM experts, as well as the broad range of experiences from fellow students.
- the courses take advantage of modern methods of out-of-classroom instruction and utilizes multiple instructional delivery methods.
- these courses also take advantage of real-life case scenario as a principle means of illustrating important instructional concepts and objectives.
- many courses are supplemented with reputable and well-recognized topic-specific textbooks, used by many experts in the field of ESM.
- course content is continually updated with current information and time-sensitive details.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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