# Disaster Medicine and Management

College of Health Professions



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## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

As we are living through a disaster presently, our attention is focused on the impact of the pandemic. Pandemics are one of many types of disaster events for which we need to be prepared through the phases of emergency management: prevention, preparedness, mitigation, responding and recovering. These take on a different level of importance in the present times. Other disaster events include hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes, cyber events and terrorism, to name a few. The M.S. program addresses these steps in 12 courses (36 credits) as well as the requirement for experiential learning, in order to apply the concepts in real world settings.

# 3 Programs available

- 36 Credit, 12 course M.S.
- 9 credit, 3 course Certificate in Disaster Medicine and Management
- 9 credit, 3 course certificate in Business and Organizational Continuity





# M.S. Program

## 8 Required courses:

Foundations in Emergency Management

Organizational Management and Communications in Disasters

Psychological Aspects of Disasters\* (Share on-campus Conference week)

Principles of Disaster Exercises and Drills\* (Share on-campus Conference week)

Public Health Implications of Disasters

Logistic Management for Disasters

**Applied Research Methods and Statistics** 

Capstone Experience in Disaster Medicine and Management - Master's Project

Minimum 100 hours of Experiential learning

## M.S. continued

## Choose 4 electives:

Foundations in Homeland Security and Defense International and Humanitarian Disaster Management
Hazardous Materials and Industrial Safety
Disaster Mapping (requires Windows software)
Natural Disasters
Weapons of Mass Destruction
Organizational Risk and Crisis Management
Business and Crisis Continuity

Organizational Recovery and Planning
Principles of Terrorism
Emergency Preparedness for Special Needs
Populations
Healthcare Emergency Management
Clinical Disaster Medicine
Internship in Disaster Medicine and Management
Special Topics in Disaster Medicine and
Management (1-3 credits)

# Certificate in Disaster Medicine and Management

3 courses:

Foundations in Emergency Management Logistic Management for Disasters Choose 1 course from any of the DMM Choices.



# Certificate in Business and Organizational Continuity

3 courses:

Business and Crisis Continuity
Organizational Risk and Crisis Management
Organizational Recovery and Planning





# Capstone projects examples include:

Mass Casualty Incident Training for Rural Canadian Municipalities: A Mobile Education Unit Initiative by Dr. Floyd Besserer

Cultivating Community Resilience Through Animal Disaster Planning: Capitalizing on the Human-Animal Bond by Jade Budden

Disaster Planning for Visually Challenged Population by Eduardo Fuentecillo

PPE Misuse and its Effect on Infectious Disease Among EMS in Saudi Arabia by Abdulaziz Alshammari





Required 6.5 day on-campus conference week! Multiple activities, consulting, exercises, evaluation and more.

The one time everyone comes to campus.



#### **RANKINGS**

**Best** Affordable Online Master's in Emergency Management by Affordable Schools.

**TOP 30** Online Master's in Emergency Management by Intelligent.

#### **EMPLOYERS OF JEFFERSON GRADUATES**

- Various Hospital systems
- Municipal Services
- County Office of Emergency Management
- Private consulting
- Federal Agencies



# Examples of Emergency Management Positions

#### **OUTLOOK**

Emergency Management Director, growth rate estimated at 5%

**Emergency Management Specialist** 

Health Alert Network



## Epsilon Pi Phi

Honor society

## International Association of Emergency Managers

- Wonderful networking and job exploration organization. Attend the annual conference, use the job board.
- Offers the Associate Emergency Manager credential we encourage you to apply for this before graduation. Write your portfolio and take the exam.
- Certified Emergency Manager credential after 2 years of experience apply to this level.



### STUDENT PROFILE

# Nelly Perez-Melendez



The Disaster Medicine and Management program has given me the learning material to expand my knowledge in this field, and the tools to succeed. With support and excellent guidance from the faculty, I have been able to accept challenges and enhance my resume with new skills and unique experiences. I have had the opportunity to intern with FEMA and volunteer with local organizations such as the Philadelphia Medical Reserve Corps and the Red Cross. Also, I was deployed to Texas with Team Rubicon and have the privilege to lead the IAEM student chapter. Taking advantage of the numerous opportunities offered to us, I became an intern for a hospital system where I am now a temporary fulltime employee to support the COVID-19 response efforts. The experience and knowledge I have gained from this program surpassed my expectations and motivated me to keep growing in this field.

## FACULTY PROFILE

# Barry J. Burton, D.O.

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"By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail." — Benjamin Franklin

#### **COURSES**

- DMM 610 -Foundations in Emergency Management
- DMM 631- Organizational Management and Communication in Disaster
- DMM 651 Applied Research Methods and Statistics
- DMM 653 Clinical Disaster Medicine
- DMM 612 Foundations in Homeland Security and Defense
- DMM 627 Principles of Terrorism





## ALUMNI PROFILE

## Cristina Pareja, MD

I had the honor to do my master's in Disaster Medicine and Management at Thomas Jefferson University. We had a wide overview and courses about natural disasters, man-made disasters, CBRNE events. Now thanks to all that knowledge and hands-on experience that the course gave me I can help my country Ecuador, through the COVID-19 Pandemic. I work at Ecuadorian Red Cross and I am part of the health team working to provide technical support to the National EOC.

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