

Gain the leadership and critical thinking skills required to meet the complex challenges of today while preparing for tomorrow's disasters.

FEATURES OF THE PROGRAM

Georgetown University's Executive Master of Professional Studies in Emergency and Disaster Management (EMPS-EDM) provides an interdisciplinary approach that combines online and on-site learning experiences in the Theory & Legal Framework of Emergency Management; Natural Disasters; Terrorism; U.S. Support to an International Disaster; and a Capstone Project. Upon completion of this curriculum, students will have the knowledge and skills necessary to:

- Identify and understand federal, state, and local laws that govern emergency management and enable an ethical and legal response to emergencies and disasters.
- Prepare and execute response plans for multiple types of emergencies and disasters.
- Make critical decisions and influence others to act under extreme pressure and short timelines.
- Communicate risk in an effective and timely manner to build trust, facilitate community action, and achieve a desired outcome.

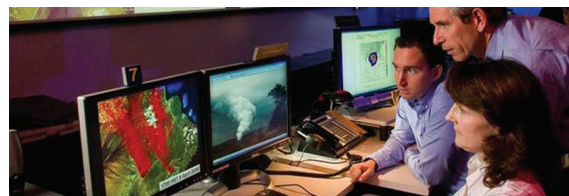
CAREERS

Students earning an Executive Master of Professional Studies in Emergency and Disaster Management will acquire the knowledge they need to plan and direct disaster response and crisis management activities for a broad range of disaster and emergency situations. The skills gained from this program prepare students for emergency management careers in government, nonprofit, and corporate sectors, including Emergency Management, Public Health and Safety, Policy and Planning, Public Affairs, Humanitarian Services, and Risk Management.

PARTNERSHIPS

The Georgetown University School of Continuing Studies, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), and Cranfield University have joined forces to create the EMPS-EDM program that will prepare future leaders in emergency management through a learning environment that utilizes a combination of scenario-based intensives and real-world case studies. LLNL is a government-sponsored laboratory focused on the United States' security through the development and application of world-class science and technology.

Students will benefit from LLNL's advanced modeling and simulation capability through visualization of various disaster scenarios, which will be used to build critical analytic and crisis leadership skills. Cranfield Defence and Security (CDS) is a School of Cranfield University that offers unique educational opportunities to the defense and security sectors of both public and private sector organizations. CDS has a particular expertise in chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN); explosives; resilience; and security sector reform. Cranfield University provides an international perspective with regard to emergency preparedness and response.



CURRICULUM

The executive master's degree requires 30 credits total. All course modules, including Capstone, are required.

Course Modules

6 credits each

Students take five course modules comprised of online and on-site study. The study of foundational emergency management practices, theories, and regulations is combined with intensive, one-week field studies.

1. Theory and Legal Framework

Learn the historical context of emergency management in the U.S. by delving into theoretical concepts, legal and political structure, ethical considerations, and crisis leadership skills necessary to serve the public in times of disaster. Onsite: Washington, DC

2. Natural Disasters

Study the disaster cycle and context of naturally occurring events through real-world case studies that teach the importance of understanding local conditions and building resilience for effective response and recovery. Onsite: New Orleans, LA

3. Terrorism

Explore the complex dimensions of deliberate, no-notice terrorist events as well as the challenges associated with risk communication and the application of advanced technology in response to and recovery from CBRN hazards. Onsite: Livermore, CA

4. U.S. Support to an International Disaster

Understand the complex diplomatic and humanitarian issues associated with providing aid to foreign countries. Explore response operations in widely divergent cultural and economic conditions. Onsite: Doha, Qatar

5. Capstone

Integrate the knowledge gained throughout the program into a challenging Capstone experience. Onsite: Washington, DC

EARN YOUR EXECUTIVE
MASTER'S DEGREE IN
Emergency
and Disaster
Management

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Visit our admissions page for more information about application deadlines and applying online.

TUITION

Educational expenses are assessed each semester based on the number of credits for which you are registered. Visit our website for current tuition rates.

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