



MPA in Emergency and Disaster Management

One-Year Master of Public Administration in Emergency and Disaster Management

History is filled with stories of societies devastated by natural and man-made disasters. Floods, hurricanes, blizzards, earthquakes, blackouts, nuclear explosions, and terrorist attacks cripple societies unprepared with appropriate responses. Today it is no longer government alone who must respond quickly to an emergency or disaster as it occurs. It is the local school district or an amusement park, airport personnel, building managers, our uniformed workers. They all share a responsibility for the public's safety.

The MPA in Emergency and Disaster Management degree covers all areas associated with public emergencies, disasters and catastrophes. Students will have opportunities to focus on significant issues in emergency management, including public health, terrorism, disaster management, economics and the role of federal and state governments.

Providing hands-on management of the consequences of events.

While progressing through the course of study, an MPA student will use his or her internship or job as a laboratory to apply learning to create a crisis response plan and to perfect it. This experiential approach to learning is what we call "Purpose-Centered" education, and it is our distinctive educational hallmark.

In the first semester, students initiate an organizational needs analysis and propose a plan of action to management. In the second semester, the plan is implemented and tested out and in the final semester the plan is further refined and long-term planning considerations are made. This could lead to the development of an evacuation plan, a recovery plan or a business security program. Coursework complements the Constructive Action, a document that translates theoretical foundations from class to practical application to the organization. More than a Master's thesis, the Constructive Action is a living case study and a plan of action. It is an intervention technique that develops leadership abilities for individuals to lead in times of crisis. It provides hands-on management of the consequences of events for tomorrow's leaders.



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In our post 9/11 landscape, these individuals will need to fuse mastery of specified knowledge with the problem-solving tools specific to management in times of crisis.



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Semester 1 / Purpose A Identifying Needs	Semester 2/ Purpose B Implementing a Disaster Recovery Plan	Semester 3 / Purpose C Long Range Planning
Constructive Action: Identification of needs not met by current organizational disaster response (3 credits)	Constructive Action: Initiating and Managing Service Innovation (3 credits)	Constructive Action: Long Range Planning for Service Improvement (3 credits)
Systems I: Evaluating Service Delivery Systems (2 credits)	Systems I: Systematic Approaches to Management (2 credits)	Systems I: Economic and Social Trends and the Organization of Services (2 credits)
Self & Others: Impact of Disaster on Cultures and Communities (2 credits)	Self & Others: Individual and Collective Responses to Disaster (2 credits)	Self & Others: Terrorism and Disaster Management (2 credits)
Skills: Research and Analysis Methods in Disaster Management (2 credits)	Skills: Organizational and Municipal Continuity Planning (2 credits)	Skills: The Federal Government and Disaster Planning/Response (2 credits)
Values: Values and Ethics for Administrative Decision Making (2 credits)	Values: Ethics of Management (2 credits)	Values: Values Issues in Policy Planning (2 credits)
Systems II: Economics of Hazards and Disasters (2 credits)	Systems II: Public Health Systems and Preparedness (2 credits)	Systems II: Case Studies in Disaster Management (2 credits)
Field Experience (2 credits)	Field Experience (2 credits)	Field Experience (2 credits)

Admission Requirements:

Graduate Admission is granted to those applicants who demonstrate strong academic preparation and the energy and commitment to undertake this demanding program. Requirements for admission include:

- A completed application for admission and accompanying essay.
- An earned bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education
- Official transcripts from all previously attended colleges and universities
- A letter of agreement (included in the admissions application packet) from an organization documenting 21 hours of supervision in an appropriate administrative setting
- A field supervisor for the applicant who has a master's degree and five years of professional experience (verification form included in the admissions application packet.)
- Two professional references
- A \$45.00 application fee (nonrefundable.)

Graduate Transfer Credits: A maximum of 6 credits may be transferred toward the degree. Transfer credits must be applicable to the course of study and may only be applied if they are not part of a previously awarded degree. In addition, only credits for approved coursework with grades of "B" and above will be considered for transfer credit. (Courses must have been completed within the last five years.) Requests for approval of transfer credits must be made in writing to the Program Director prior to beginning studies at MCNY.

International Students: This school is authorized under federal law to enroll nonimmigrant alien students. Early application is advised to ensure sufficient time to consider admission and manage visa issuance. International applicants must also submit translations and evaluation of their transcripts from the World Education Service, and submit official TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) results with a minimum score of 600 paper score (250 computer score). Financial affidavits are required of all international applicants. Detailed instructions are available on our website.

For more details, including scholarship and financial aid information, course descriptions or to apply online, visit our website at www.metropolitan.edu or call 1-800-33-THINK ext. 5001.