Certificate in Emergency Management with Special Populations

Sylvia Twersky-Bumgardner, M.P.H.
215-204-9316
sylviatb@temple.edu

Temple University’s Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, in collaboration with Temple’s Center for Research Preparedness Education and Practice (C-PREP), is offering classes for preparing the public health workforce and emergency managers to address the needs of special populations in a competency-based and practice-oriented framework. In emergency management a special population is any group of people that needs extra support to be prepared for an emergency, as well as those needing community support to respond successfully and recover in disasters or emergency situations. These classes are for practitioners in emergency preparedness and response, public health professionals, undergraduate students, and recent graduates with an interest in emergency preparedness and response. This program consists of a four- or five-course sequence, depending on previous coursework. For current Public Health majors and minors at Temple University, two of these courses can be used to fulfill elective requirements. The certificate program can be finished in either one or two years part-time, and most of the courses are offered online so that students from all over the globe and at different stages in their career can take advantage of the program. This certificate will be listed on your transcript upon completion. FEMA Higher Ed called this program a national first in their April 11, 2008, program report.

Prerequisite (1 course)
This course may be waived if the student can demonstrate either NIMS certification or similar coursework taken at a college or university with a grade of B or better.

HPM 3207 Principles of Emergency Management: A Public Health Perspective 3

Core (3 courses)
The Core courses will address the basic competencies in emergency preparedness, response, and mitigation. Within these core competencies the needs of special populations will be addressed.

HPM 2202 Man-Made Disasters: Radiological, Chemical & Biological Terrorism 3
HPM 2208 Natural Disasters: Response and Recovery 3
HPM 3215 Special Populations: Strategic Community Outreach 3

Elective (1 course)
The electives will allow the student to customize the certificate program to meet their educational objectives and professional needs within the rubric of emergency preparedness and special populations. This includes the option to take graduate-level electives as appropriate. Recommended electives include the following:

SBS 2201 Health Communication (graduate or undergraduate credits; in-person) 3
SBS 2205 Coping with Life Stress Workshop (graduate or undergraduate credits; online) 3
or SBS 5004 Understanding Stress and Change
SBS 5009 Risk Communication and Public Health (graduate; in-person) 3