

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

GRADUATE
CERTIFICATE

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

FULLY ONLINE

Man-made and natural disaster including war, political conflicts, earthquakes, floods, volcanic eruptions, tropical cyclones, fires and pandemic outbreaks have claimed millions of lives in the past two decades. In addition, these disasters have adversely affected the lives of at least 800 million people, and caused more than 50 billion dollars in property damages.

In the last decade, the number of people displaced by war, famine, and drought has nearly doubled. A major disaster occurs almost daily in some part of the world. Increasing population densities in flood plains, along vulnerable coastal areas, and near dangerous faults in the earth's crust, as well as the rapid industrialization of developing economies and the impacts of climate change, are factors likely to create a greater threat in the near future.

The Graduate Certificate in Disaster Management offered by USF's College of Public Health, is designed to enhance the knowledge base of public health professionals, as well as other disaster management personnel, in the management, mitigation, preparedness, response, and



recovery from natural and man-made disasters. The design of the certificate engages the students in critical thinking skills that enable them to reduce the health complexities of disasters. The certificate is also intended to increase the managerial and leadership skills of public health professionals working with international refugees and displaced populations after a disaster.

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Graduate Certificates 2016

Course Requirements (12 - 15 Credit Hours)

This graduate certificate curriculum is offered fully online. Each course is three (3) credit hours. Courses are sequenced *

- PHC 6183 Overview of United States & International
Emergency/Disaster Management
- PHC 6185 Disaster Preparedness and Planning Concepts
- PHC 6234 Emergency/Disaster Recovery
- PHC 6186 Public Health Emergencies in Large Populations
- PHC 6945 Supervised Field Experience (may be waived with
one year of related professional experience)

Admission Requirements

In addition to a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution with a minimum 3.0 GPA, the applicant must document graduate-level knowledge required to enroll in the certificate courses.

Application Requirements

Please visit: www.gradcerts.usf.edu/admissions.asp to complete the online application. In addition to completing the online application for admission, please prepare to upload the following documents:

- 250-word letter of interest stating your objectives in pursuing this course of study
- Resume
- Unofficial transcripts from each college or university attended, to include military credits and CLEP scores.

Standardized Test Requirements

No standardized tests are required.

Credit Toward Graduate Degree

Up to 12 hours of certificate course credits may be applied to a graduate degree with department approval.

Time Limit

The certificate must be completed in four (4) years.

Financial Aid

- Degree-seeking students taking the certificate as part of their graduate program can use existing financial aid to apply toward the cost of the program.
- For Non-degree seeking students not eligible for financial aid may contact the Financial Aid office for exceptions and names of private lenders: 813-974-4700.
- Certificate programs qualify students for V.A. benefits.

Application Process

For information on this, or other Graduate Certificates, or to complete the online application, please visit: www.gradcerts.usf.edu/admissions.asp, or contact:

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For more details about master's, Ph.D., or Dr.PH programs, or to view the graduate catalog visit: www.grad.usf.edu or call (813) 974-2846.

Tuition & Fees

For current rates, please see "Tuition and fees" on the Graduate Certificate web page for Humanitarian Assistance at: www.gradcerts.usf.edu/gradcerts

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