Emergency Management (Graduate Certificate)

From a public affairs school ranked in the top 20 nationally by U.S. News & World Report, you can gain real-world experience in emergency management. After completing only five courses, you will be better prepared to understand how policy shapes community resilience and disaster management.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: Certificate Emergency Management (Certificate)
The graduate certificate program in emergency management provides motivated students with the skills and knowledge to manage and assume positions of leadership within the field of emergency management. More specifically, an orientation on all-hazards and all-threats provides students with a generalist perspective, which is critically important for today and tomorrow's disaster managers.

The certificate program may be of interest to students in disciplines such as public policy, planning, political science, nonprofit management, social work, criminology and other related fields.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Watts College of Public Service & Community Solutions
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix campus

Degree Requirements

15 credit hours
**Required Core (9 credit hours)**
PAF 520 Public Management (3)
PAF 552 Integrated Emergency Management (3)
PAF 555 Information Technology in Emergency Management (3)

**Electives (6 credit hours)**

**Additional Curriculum Information**
For electives, students should see the academic unit for an approved course list. Other coursework may be used with the approval of the academic unit.

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**Admission Requirements**

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree, in any field, from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. a statement of career and educational goals
4. proof of English proficiency

**Additional Application Information**
An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency.

International students who need an F1 or J1 visa first need to apply to and be accepted into a graduate degree program prior to being considered for the certificate program. International students residing in the USA on other types of visas must adhere to all Graduate College policies and procedures regarding admission to be considered for admission to this certificate program.

The program is ideal for students from related fields, including political science, planning, urban and metropolitan studies, sociology as well as other social science degrees; however, applicants from all educational backgrounds may be accepted provided they meet the minimum requirements. Current ASU graduate students are eligible for the certificate as a supplement to their existing degree program. In addition, students not enrolled in a graduate program at ASU are also eligible to apply as nondegree students.
students provided they meet the admission criteria stated above. However, MPA students in the emergency management concentration are not eligible for admission.

Students should see the program website for application deadlines.

**Career Opportunities**

Students completing this certificate are prepared to pursue a career in a field related to public administration or public policy, particularly in the areas of participatory governance and public engagement. This may include opportunities as either a manager or policy analyst in local, state or federal agencies; nonprofit organizations; and private organizations whose work interfaces with the public sector.

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