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Master of Science in Disaster and Emergency Preparedness

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THE INSTITUTE FOR DISASTER AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



The Institute for Disaster and Emergency Preparedness (IDEP) within the Nova Southeastern University (NSU) College of Osteopathic Medicine offers a program leading to the degree of Master of Science in Disaster and Emergency Preparedness (DEP). IDEP provides education and training in the areas of all-hazards prevention, response, mitigation, and recovery. IDEP is involved in addressing disasters, both natural and man-made, either accidental or intentional, and has trained more than 256,000 individuals in the United States and a number of foreign countries.

The interdisciplinary program trains future leaders in the field of emergency management and is designed to provide students with the theoretical knowledge and applied skills needed to work in this rapidly growing field. Graduates will have developed skills in leadership and management, as well as disaster and emergency management. This will enable them to build a core understanding of critical issues in the field, preparing them for both government and private sectors at the local and global levels. The program content, which will be offered in an online format, will enable working professionals to earn their degree while continuing to work. The program of study will include an on-site meeting at the beginning of the students' enrollment. An additional on-site meeting will be coordinated near the program's conclusion to allow students to present their selected track practicum project and have it evaluated. (This requirement may be adapted based on applicant's circumstances.)

The degree will allow students from a variety of disciplines to specialize in one of several tracks, which is why a community research practicum at the local, state, federal, or international level will be a key component of the program. **The five degree tracks offered are maritime safety and security, cyber security, criminal justice, public health, and fire administration.** Students can also choose not to specialize.



M.S. IN DISASTER AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

As society continues to expand, individuals are faced with new and unknown threats, and more people are living in areas prone to disaster (such as floodplains or along fault lines), putting more of the world's population at risk. As disasters continue to occur, they have become more complex, as has the planning, mitigation, and recovery from these incidents. The problems faced by today's emergency coordinators and professionals are more complex than in the past. As such, the need for professionals who can manage these large and complex incidents has become more important than ever before.

The Master of Science in Disaster and Emergency Preparedness is a 36-credit hour degree program delivered





in an online format. The program consists of five core courses (15 credit hours) and seven elective courses (the remaining 21 credit hours). The core curriculum consists of three courses required by every student in the program of study. One additional core course must be taken in the area of management, and one core course is taken from a selection of courses related to threats and hazards. Students who choose to focus in one of the five concentration areas will take four of their electives (12 credit hours) from that area of concentration and their remaining electives (9 credit hours) from any of the remaining courses in the program. Students may also elect not to focus on any one particular area of concentration and take the general electives.



CURRICULUM (36 CREDIT HOURS)

CORE (15 CREDIT HOURS)

REQUIRED COURSES—9 CREDIT HOURS

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
DEP 5001	Biostatistics	3
DEP 5050	Introduction to Disaster and Emergency Preparedness	3
DEP 6010	Practicum in selected track	3

MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP CLUSTER— 3 CREDIT HOURS (CHOOSE ONE COURSE)

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
DEP 5010	Leadership and Organizational Behavior for Emergency Preparedness	3
DEP 5020	Preparedness, Planning, Mitigation, and Continuity Management	3
DEP 5030	Executive Leadership and Administration	3
DEP 5040	Security Management in a Global Society	3

THREATS, HAZARDS, AND IMPACTS CLUSTER— 3 CREDIT HOURS (CHOOSE ONE COURSE)

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
DEP 5060	Environmental Hazards in Emergency Preparedness	3
DEP 5070	Risk Assessment and Mitigation	3
DEP 5080	Agroterrorism and Food System Disasters	3
DEP 5090	Weapons of Mass Threat and Communicable Diseases	3



ELECTIVES (21 CREDIT HOURS)

GENERAL ELECTIVES

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
DEP 6110	Community and Vulnerability Assessment	3
DEP 6120	Psychosocial Dimensions of Disaster	3
DEP 6130	Risk and Crisis Communications	3
DEP 6140	Social Vulnerability: Implications in the Disaster Cycle	3
DEP 6150	Grant Writing for Emergency Preparedness	3
DEP 6160	Leadership Topics in Disaster and Emergency Preparedness	3
DEP 6170	Elective Practicum	3



CURRICULUM (CONTINUED)

MARITIME SAFETY TRACK ELECTIVES—12 CREDIT HOURS (REQUIRED FOR A CONCENTRATION)

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
DEP 6210	Introduction to Maritime Safety	3
DEP 6220	Maritime Safety and Security Leadership	3
DEP 6230	Maritime Safety for the Cruise and Yachting Industries	3
DEP 6240	Concepts in Shipboard Safety Management	3
DEP 6250	History of Maritime Disasters	3
DEP 6260	Maritime Environmental Responsibilities	3

CYBER SECURITY TRACK ELECTIVES*—12 CREDIT HOURS (REQUIRED FOR A CONCENTRATION)

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
MMIS 653	Telecommunications and Computer Networking	3
MMIS 683	Fundamentals of Security Technologies	3
MMIS 684	Information Security Management	3
MMIS 685	Information Security Governance	3
MMIS 686	Information System Auditing	3
MMIS 687	Information Security Project	3

*These courses are offered by the Graduate School of Computer and Information Sciences. Tuition rates for that school apply.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRACK ELECTIVES—12 CREDIT HOURS (REQUIRED FOR A CONCENTRATION)

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
DEP 6423	Interagency Disaster Communication	3
DEP 6424	Community Disaster Preparedness	3
DEP 6404	Community Planning, Response, and Recovery for Families and Children	3
DEP 6410	Emergency Preparedness Public Policy and Law	3
DEP 6440	Conflict Management in Times of Crisis	3



PUBLIC HEALTH TRACK ELECTIVES—12 CREDIT HOURS (REQUIRED FOR A CONCENTRATION)

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
DEP 6500	Epidemiology of Disasters	3
DEP 6501	Foundations of Public Health	3
DEP 6520	Environmental and Occupational Health	3
DEP 6510	Public Health Issues in Disaster and Emergency Preparedness	3
DEP 6520	Veterinary Challenges in Disasters	3

FIRE ADMINISTRATION TRACK ELECTIVES—12 CREDIT HOURS (REQUIRED FOR A CONCENTRATION)

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
DEP 6610	Fire Service Operations	3
DEP 6620	Fire Service Leadership	3
DEP 6423	Interagency Disaster Communications	3
DEP 6410	Emergency Preparedness Public Policy and Law	3



ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

The Master of Science in Disaster and Emergency Preparedness (DEP) program evaluates the overall quality of its applicants, including academic achievement, life experience, recommendations, knowledge of the field of emergency management, and personal motivation.





The applicant must have

1. a bachelor's, master's, doctoral, or terminal professional degree from a regionally accredited college or university
2. a cumulative, overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale from all institutions attended
3. the ability to express himself or herself in writing through a written statement submitted with the application
4. two letters of recommendation from college or university instructors, employers, work colleagues, etc.

Applicants whose native language is not English are required to demonstrate English proficiency. The standardized tests listed below currently satisfy the university's English requirement for nonnative English speakers.

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): score of 213 on the computer-based test or 79–80 on the Internet-based test
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS): score of 6.0 on the test module
- GMAT: score of 450
- GRE: score of 275
- Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT): score of at least 500 in the reading section
- American College Test (ACT): score of at least 20 on the verbal section

GRE or MAT scores are preferred from all applicants except those who currently have a terminal degree (e.g., Ph.D., D.M.D., D.V.M., J.D., or D.O.) or those who already hold a master's degree from a regionally accredited U.S. university or college. An applicant who does not have a terminal degree or master's degree who chooses to apply, and is accepted, without taking the GRE or MAT will be required to attain a grade of *B* or higher in his or her first 9 credit hours in order to continue in the program.



APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The M.S. in Disaster and Emergency Preparedness (DEP) program accepts applications year-round. Applicants may apply for matriculation into any one of three semesters (fall, winter, or summer). Application deadline will be 30 days prior to the start of each semester.

For an application to be considered by the admissions committee, applicants must submit

- 1.** the online application found at https://webSTAR.nova.edu/pls/PROD/bwskalog.P_DisloginNon (Payment of a nonrefundable application fee of \$50 is required to complete your application.)
- 2.** official transcripts of all coursework attempted by the applicant from all colleges and universities, including undergraduate, graduate, and professional education
- 3.** evidence of GRE or MAT scores no more than seven years old, if applicable (see admissions requirements on pages 8 and 9)
- 4.** two letters of recommendation from college or university instructors, employers, work colleagues, etc.
- 5.** a written statement

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NONDEGREE-SEEKING STUDENTS



A nondegree-seeking student is one who wishes to take courses in the M.S. in Disaster and Emergency Preparedness (DEP) program, but does not wish to pursue the master's degree at the time of application. A limit of 15 credit hours will be allowed. The nondegree-seeking student must provide the following admissions requirements in order to take courses in the program:

- 1.** a completed online application form
- 2.** a nonrefundable application fee of \$50
- 3.** official transcripts of all undergraduate, graduate, and professional education

If, after taking courses in the M.S. in DEP program, a nondegree-seeking student chooses to pursue the degree, the student must submit a new and complete application to the program to become a degree-seeking student and must meet all requirements for admission into the degree program. Previous coursework as a nondegree-seeking student does not guarantee acceptance into the degree program. If accepted into the program as a degree-seeking student, previous coursework may be eligible for transfer toward the degree.

Graduate students from other NSU programs who elect to take courses in the degree program may do so with written approval of the degree program director.



TUITION AND FEES

Tuition for the 2014–2015 academic year is \$550 per credit hour. Tuition for 2015–2016 will subsequently be posted on our Web site (www.nova.edu/idep). A Health Professions Division general access fee of \$145 is required each year. An NSU student services fee of \$1,050 is also required annually. All tuition and fees are subject to change by the board of trustees without notice.

A 30 percent tuition discount will be offered to full-time members of the Broward Sheriff's Office. A 20 percent tuition discount will be offered to all other full-time law enforcement officers, fire fighters, and emergency services personnel. Students currently enrolled full time in the NSU College of Osteopathic Medicine's Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree program will receive a \$100/credit hour discount in their tuition per NSU policy.





ACCREDITATION

Nova Southeastern University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate's, baccalaureate, master's, educational specialist, doctorate, and professional degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Nova Southeastern University.

NONDISCRIMINATION

Nova Southeastern University admits students of any race, color, sex, age, nondisqualifying disability, religion or creed, sexual orientation, or national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school, and does not discriminate in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

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Students are provisionally admitted to a degree-seeking program based on a review of unofficial transcripts or other specific program admission requirements. However, this admission includes a condition that final and official transcripts, documents, and requirements must be received within 90 calendar days from matriculation. If these final and official transcripts, documents, and/or requirements are not received by that time, the student will not be allowed to continue class attendance. Financial aid will not be disbursed to a provisional/conditional student until he or she has been fully admitted as a regular student (all admissions requirements have been approved by the college/program admissions office). Students who have an unpaid balance 30 days from the start of the term will be assessed a \$100 fee.

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