

Course Catalog

FEMA Training Program

The National Center for Disaster Preparedness (NCDP), Columbia University has been awarded U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grants since 2016. These programs have focused on mass care community sheltering and relocation assistance, [pandemic preparedness and response](#), post-disaster economic and housing recovery, and [Tribal Nations readiness and resilience](#). The free curricula, available across the U.S. in both instructor-led and web-based modalities, include collaborative activities, planning tools, tool kits, and geographic information system resources that learners can incorporate into their work practices.



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Key	Type
	Pandemic Planning
	Economic Disaster Recovery
	Tribal Nations Readiness and Resilience
	Rural Resilience
	Instructor-led Training
	Web-based Training

Pandemic Preparedness and Response

For more information and to register for courses, please visit <https://training.ncdpcourses.org/> or email ncdptraining@columbia.edu.



Pandemic
Planning
and Mass
Care
Sheltering
Web-based

[AWR-424-W: Pandemic Planning Multilateral Risk Communication](#)

This web-based, awareness-level course will provide participants with an overview of multilateral risk communications during a pandemic. Topics to be covered include credibility and sources of information, methods of information dissemination and message crafting, and identifying ways that information is shared within the community.

Enhancing Financial Literacy of Individuals and Businesses for Post-Disaster Recovery

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Economic
Recovery
Web-
based

[AWR-390-W: Improving Individual and Households' Financial Literacy and Management to Support Post-Disaster Economic Recovery](#)

This web-based, awareness-level course will provide the learner with an overview of how disasters can impact individual and households' finances and economic recovery. The learner will review case studies of recent disasters where an individual and household's finances were impacted and analyze the lessons learned from these events. An overview of emergency planning will also be provided. The course will present the best practices in pre-disaster financial planning, including identifying and engaging essential partners. Finally, an overview of available resources, toolkits, and checklists will be presented.



Economic
Recovery
Web-
based

[AWR-391-W: Improving Business' Financial Literacy and Management to Support Post-Disaster Economic Recovery](#)

This web-based, awareness-level course will provide the learner with an overview of the ways disaster can impact a business's finances and economic recovery. The learner will review case studies of recent disasters where a business' finances were impacted and analyze the lessons learned from these events. An overview of emergency planning will also be provided. The course will present the best practices in pre-disaster financial planning, including identifying and engaging essential partners. Finally, an overview of available resources, toolkits, and checklists will be presented.

Enhancing Tribal Nations' Readiness and Resilience (Coming Soon)

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Tribal
Nation
Resilience
Instructor-
led

[PER-317-V: Risk Communication Techniques within Tribal Nations](#)

This four-hour, virtual, instructor-led course will explore the nuances of effective risk communication within Tribal Nations. Participants will gain insights into culturally sensitive communication, community engagement, and trust-building strategies tailored to the traditions of indigenous communities. The course will also address assessing information credibility, utilizing evidence-based resources, and employing various communication methods throughout all emergency management phases.

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[AWR-307-V: Identifying Community Preparedness Resources for Tribal Nations](#)

This four-hour, virtual, instructor-led course will provide participants with basic information on community preparedness within the unique context of Tribal Nations, highlighting the approaches to resilience across different communities. The course will provide an overview of federal resources available to Tribal Nations, including tools, programs, and additional support mechanisms designed to enhance emergency preparedness and response. The course also addresses the critical aspects of accessing these federal resources, detailing eligibility requirements and common obstacles faced by Tribal Nations. Building on this foundation, participants will learn best practices for effectively integrating federal resources into their emergency preparedness plans, collaborating with federal partners, and applying insights from relevant case studies. By examining these key areas, the course aims to equip Tribal leaders and emergency managers with the knowledge and skills needed to bolster their communities' resilience and readiness for various emergencies, ensuring a well-coordinated and culturally informed approach to emergency management.



Tribal
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Resilience
Instructor-
led

[PER-315: Using Community Engagement to Enhance Emergency Management](#)

This seven-hour course will focus on preparing community members in Tribal communities for hazards to help enhance community resilience. It will also highlight how appropriate communication, messaging, and partnerships can promote awareness and encourage participation in the preparedness process. Among other methods, it will review storytelling and how to use it to raise awareness and commitment to community preparedness activities. Participants will explore strategies to seamlessly integrate emergency preparedness into community engagement initiatives, discovering practical tools and case studies along the way. The participants will be equipped with the skills to inspire and mobilize your community for effective emergency preparedness. The content covered by this course is important because it equips individuals in Tribal communities with the necessary knowledge and skills to respond effectively to emergencies, thereby safeguarding lives, preserving cultural heritage, and enhancing the overall resilience of these communities. By focusing on tailored communication strategies and community-specific engagement methods, it ensures that preparedness initiatives are culturally relevant and widely embraced, fostering a collective commitment to safety and readiness that is vital for the well-being and sustainability of the community.



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Resilience
Instructor-
led

[MGT-326: Developing Emergency Management Programs in Tribal Nations – Now Available to Schedule](#)

This seven-hour course focuses on developing and improving emergency management programs within Tribal Nations. It reviews the unique challenges faced by Tribal Nations in emergency preparedness and response and the opportunities to integrate Tribal knowledge and resiliency into these programs. Participants will gain practical insights into crafting effective Emergency Operations Plans, leveraging Incident Command Systems, fostering collaboration with internal and external partners, and synthesizing the key components for building resilient emergency management programs tailored to Tribal nations' cultural contexts.



An All Hazards Approach for Advancing Tribal Resilience (Coming Soon)

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[An All Hazards Approach for Advancing Tribal Resilience Training Program \(PDF\)](#)

Disasters pose a complex and urgent challenge in addressing gaps in community emergency preparedness within Tribal communities due to a lack of cultural practices and understanding, inadequate Tribal sovereignty in planning programs, a lack of inter-Tribal agreement, and historical trust issues. This curriculum will incorporate the use of traditional knowledge and teaching methods, including the practice of storytelling, and will offer customized lessons tailored to regional contexts, recognizing the rich history and honoring the culture.

- AWR-354-W: Planning for an All-Hazards Crisis Plan for School-Based Incidents in Tribal Nations
- PER-329-V: Creating Plans for the Continuity of Government Operations During Emergencies in Tribal Nations
- MGT-353: Enhancing Hazard Mitigation Projects with Extreme Weather Planning Principles in Tribal Nations

An All Hazards Approach for Advancing Rural Resilience (Coming Soon)

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[An All Hazards Approach for Advancing Rural Resilience Training Program \(PDF\)](#)

Disasters in rural communities pose a complex and urgent challenge, marked by geographic isolation, insufficient infrastructure, and economic limitations. In many remote areas, the distance from major urban centers results in slower emergency response and recovery times and difficulties accessing critical resources. These communities often struggle with industrial control systems and limited municipal revenue, which exacerbates their vulnerability to natural hazards such as wildfires, floods, droughts, severe storms, and human-caused threats, including school-based incidents. This curriculum will address preparedness gaps through an all-hazards approach for rural resilience.

- AWR-360-W: Establishing an All-Hazards Crisis Plan for School-Based Incidents in Rural Communities
- PER-337-V: Ensuring Continuity of Operations when Planning for Emergencies in Rural Jurisdictions
- MGT-352: Incorporating Extreme Weather Planning into Hazard Mitigation Projects in Rural Communities

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