What Can I Do With A Major In: Emergency Management

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DESCRIPTION
The mission of the Emergency and Disaster Management Program is to enhance the safety and security of the community, the region, and the nation by providing a functional and relevant education and other assistance to those who are, or seek to be, responsible for preventing, mitigating, responding to, or recovering from, a natural, man-made, or technological disaster.

WHAT JOBS ARE AVAILABLE?

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<th>Homeland Security Officer</th>
<th>Emergency Dispatcher</th>
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<td>Emergency Medical Technician</td>
<td>Cost Estimator</td>
<td>Mobile Asset Manager</td>
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<td>Continuity of operations Planner</td>
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<td>EP &amp; Security Prog Coordinator</td>
<td>Mid Level Planner</td>
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<td>Analysts</td>
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<td>Local Preparedness Coordinator</td>
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<td>Disaster Program Director</td>
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WHO EMPLOYS STUDENTS WITH THIS MAJOR?
Local Government | State Government | Federal Government | American Red Cross |
| International Red Cross | Department of Homeland Security | Federal Emergency Management Agency | Salvation Army | CARE

INTERNESHIP INFORMATION
At Western Carolina University there are numerous internship opportunities for students. In some cases internships are established through a faculty member in the student's major. Oftentimes students find part-time jobs in an area related to their field of study. When this happens, students should discuss with their academic advisor the possibility of receiving college credit. Generally, three hours of general elective credit can be earned for a minimum of 200 hours of experience.
WHAT SKILLS ARE LEARNED IN THE CLASSROOM?
- Ability to work under pressure and in a crisis
- Strong organizational and planning ability
- Interpersonal and communication skills
- Problem-solving ability

KNOWLEDGE
1. Students will comprehend how the roles, functions and interrelationships affect the coordination of planning and response to disasters.
2. Students will be able to critically analyze how risk principles apply to the assignment of priorities and resources.
3. Students will be able to apply knowledge of the legal framework, regulations and protocols to disaster events.
4. Students will be able to apply principles of basic research methods to a review of the literature and the development of a research project.
5. Students will integrate and apply Emergency and Disaster Management theories, principles and concepts to address real life disaster events and emergency situations.
6. Students will be able to communicate in writing and orally to convey professionalism, coordinate effectively and facilitate collaboration.

PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES
Western Carolina University Emergency and Disaster Management Program
http://www.wcu.edu/academics/departments-schools-colleges/cas/casdepts/crimcj/edm/index.asp
Federal Emergency Management Agency
http://www.fema.gov/
International Association of Emergency Managers
http://www.iaem.com/home.cfm?c=Global

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) http://www.hhs.gov/
U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) http://www.justice.gov/
Government Jobs http://www.govtjobs.com/

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