Western Carolina University offers a 4-year degree in the field of Emergency and Disaster Management (EDM) Program.

Earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, forest fires, acts of terrorism, tornadoes, ice storms—have you ever wondered who develops the plans for minimizing the effects of these and other types of disasters, and who coordinates the overall community response and recovery in their aftermath?

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WHO PARTICIPATES IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT? 

Check the notes to see information about each image.

Almost everyone!
WHAT KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES ARE IMPORTANT IN THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FIELD?

Check the notes to see examples of each skill.

Critical Thinking & Problem Solving
Knowledge of Legal Issues, Regulations and Directives
Planning, Policy Development and Organization Skills
Financial and Resource Distribution
Leadership Skills
Verbal and Written Communication
Operations Management
What community college and undergraduate education programs are available in North Carolina?

Click on each level to find curriculum information.

- **Community College Associate Level**
  Emergency Preparedness Technology/
  Emergency Management Degree Programs

- **Bachelor of Science Degree Level**
  Emergency and Disaster Management Program
COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATE LEVEL
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TECHNOLOGY OR
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEGREE PROGRAMS

Click on the term “website” to see the web page for each program.

• Caldwell Community College  (website)
• Durham Technical Community College  (website)
• Nash Community College  (website)
• Fayetteville Technical Community College  (website)
• Wayne Community College  (website)
• Gaston Community College  (website)
• Forsyth Community College  (website)
• Guilford Technical Community College  (website)
• Coastal Carolina Community College  (website)
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAM

Click on the term “website” to see the web page for each program.

- East Carolina: Minor in Security Studies  (website)
- Western Carolina University: B.S. in Emergency & Disaster Management  (website)
  - Distance education major
  - Distance education minor
  - Residential minor

The distance education program at WCU has few scheduled online class times and most assignments are deadline-driven. Students participate in online discussions, video conferencing for presentations and chats, and virtual disaster exercises using WebEOC, a disaster management software program. Most courses also include analytical or reflection written assignments and exams.
Program Eligibility: To be accepted into the online EDM program, students must meet admission requirements of the University and:

- Have an Associate of Arts (A.A.) or an Associate of Science (A.S.) degree from an accredited community college; or

- Have substantial progress with completion of the Liberal Studies or General Education requirement that includes, at minimum, two college-level English courses and at least five additional General Education/Liberal Studies courses.

Click HERE to go to the WCU Admissions Home Page.
Widen your horizons and be a part of the emergency and disaster solution!

- If you are a high school senior, contact your local community college to begin your college program.

- If you have completed at least two English courses and 4-5 additional Liberal Studies-General Education courses, complete your Associates degree or contact Western Carolina University about obtaining a Bachelor’s degree.

- If you have completed an Associate’s degree, contact Western Carolina University about continuing your education at the Baccalaureate level.

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