

Associate in Disaster Management

Specialization in Faith-Based Crisis Response and Humanitarian Aid

HBI University

Course Duration: 2 years

Credit Hours: 75 hours (including 15 minor credit hours)

Program Description

The Associate in Disaster Management program with a Specialization in Faith-Based Crisis Response and Humanitarian Aid equips students to respond to natural and human-made disasters through the lens of servant leadership, preparedness, and compassion. This program emphasizes readiness, recovery, resilience, and relief strategies rooted in a biblical call to care for those in crisis.

Students will learn emergency planning, logistics, risk communication, trauma-informed care, and humanitarian coordination while integrating Christian ethics, ministry, and outreach. The program prepares students to provide aid and support in domestic and global crises with empathy and excellence.

Graduates may serve in disaster relief ministries, nonprofit response teams, emergency services, or continue their education in public health, global development, or pastoral care.

General Education Courses (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
GEN 101	English Composition I	3
GEN 102	English Composition II	3
GEN 103	College Algebra	3
GEN 104	Introduction to Psychology	3
GEN 105	Introduction to Sociology	3

Core Disaster Management Courses (30 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
DSM 201	Introduction to Disaster and Emergency Mgmt	3

DSM 202	Crisis Planning and Risk Assessment	3
DSM 203	Emergency Operations and Logistics	3
DSM 204	Public Health and Community Resilience	3
DSM 205	Humanitarian Aid and Relief Management	3
DSM 206	Trauma-Informed Care and Psychological First Aid	3
DSM 207	Communication and Media in Crisis Response	3
DSM 208	Faith-Based Volunteer Coordination	3
DSM 209	Disaster Recovery and Infrastructure Planning	3
DSM 210	Field Practicum in Crisis Response	3

Elective Courses (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
DSM 301	Community Preparedness and Safety Training	3
DSM 302	Shelter Management and Mass Care	3
DSM 303	Grant Writing and Resource Mobilization	3
DSM 304	Cross-Cultural Ethics and Global Humanitarianism	3
DSM 305	Leadership in Emergency and Relief Missions	3

Minor in Faith-Based Crisis Response and Humanitarian Aid (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
FCR 401	Theology of Suffering, Compassion, and Service	3
FCR 402	Crisis Ministry and Chaplaincy	3
FCR 403	Biblical Response to Injustice, Displacement, and Trauma	3
FCR 404	Church Mobilization for Disaster and Relief Efforts	3
FCR 405	Healing and Rebuilding Through Faith-Based Interventions	3

Capstone Project (3 Credit Hours)

The Capstone in Faith-Based Crisis Response and Humanitarian Aid allows students to develop a crisis response plan, community outreach initiative, or field-based simulation. Project options include:

- Designing a church-based emergency response ministry.
- Coordinating a disaster simulation and training event.
- Drafting a community outreach proposal for disaster preparedness.

Program Outcomes

- Respond to crisis situations with professionalism, compassion, and faith.
- Develop emergency plans and mobilize volunteer networks.
- Support communities in preparedness, relief, and recovery.
- Serve cross-culturally with cultural humility and theological awareness.
- Integrate trauma-informed care and spiritual care in crisis response.

Career Outcomes and Potential Pay Scale

Career Path	Average Salary (Annual)
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Disaster Relief Coordinator (Faith-Based Org)	\$45,000 - \$65,000
Emergency Preparedness Program Manager	\$46,000 - \$66,000
Humanitarian Aid Logistics Specialist	\$44,000 - \$60,000
Chaplain or Spiritual Care Responder in Crisis	\$43,000 - \$61,000
Outreach and Disaster Ministry Director	\$47,000 - \$68,000