

Associate in Public Safety

Specialization in Faith-Based Emergency Preparedness

HBI University

Course Duration: 2 years

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

Program Description

The Associate in Public Safety program with a Specialization in Faith-Based Emergency Preparedness equips students to serve as frontline leaders in crisis planning, disaster response, and community protection through the lens of Christian service. Students are trained to respond to natural disasters, civil emergencies, and public threats with a spirit of calm, compassion, and preparedness.

This interdisciplinary program combines homeland security, emergency operations, and community engagement, empowering graduates to assist churches, faith-based organizations, and nonprofits in safeguarding vulnerable populations and planning for crisis scenarios.

Graduates may pursue careers in emergency coordination, public safety ministries, or further studies in emergency management, homeland security, or crisis counseling.

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 Public Safety Courses (30 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
PSE 201	Introduction to Public Safety Systems	3

PSE 202	Emergency Planning and Incident Command	3
PSE 203	Community Risk Reduction	3
PSE 204	Homeland Security and Critical Infrastructure	3
PSE 205	Fire and EMS Operations	3
PSE 206	Law Enforcement and Crisis Response	3
PSE 207	Public Health and Mass Casualty Management	3
PSE 208	Communication and Media in Emergencies	3
PSE 209	Threat Assessment and Mitigation	3
PSE 210	Capstone Field Practicum	3

Elective Courses (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
PSE 301	Cybersecurity for Emergency Responders	3
PSE 302	Faith-Based Shelter Coordination and Management	3
PSE 303	Resilience in First Responders	3
PSE 304	Disaster Psychology and Trauma	3
PSE 305	Volunteer Coordination and Community Training	3

Minor in Faith-Based Emergency Preparedness (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
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FEP 401	Biblical Foundations of Crisis Response	3
FEP 402	Ministry and Mental Health in Emergency Settings	3
FEP 403	Developing Emergency Plans for Churches and Ministries	3
FEP 404	Theology of Safety, Stewardship, and Service	3
FEP 405	Interfaith and Interagency Collaboration	3

Capstone Project (3 Credit Hours)

The Capstone in Faith-Based Emergency Preparedness allows students to develop an emergency response plan, training, or policy for a real or simulated faith-based organization. Example projects include:

- Creating an active shooter response protocol for a church.
- Drafting a comprehensive emergency plan for a nonprofit or ministry.
- Planning and leading a crisis training workshop for a congregation or team.

Program Outcomes

Graduates of this program will:

- Demonstrate knowledge of public safety systems and crisis operations.
- Develop emergency plans and communications strategies.
- Lead with compassion in times of crisis and disaster.
- Serve churches, ministries, and communities through preparedness planning.
- Integrate faith with safety, service, and community resilience.

Career Outcomes and Potential Pay Scale

Career Path	Average Salary (Annual)
Emergency Management Assistant	\$46,000 - \$62,000
Public Safety Coordinator	\$45,000 - \$60,000

Church Risk and Safety Officer	\$44,000 - \$58,000
Crisis Ministry Responder	\$43,000 - \$59,000
Faith-Based Emergency Preparedness Educator	\$47,000 - \$63,000