**COBH 3950 – Emergency/Disaster Preparedness for Organizations & Systems**

Credits: 3 Section: \_\_\_\_ Term: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Location & Meeting Time**

Classroom location:

Class Meeting Schedule:

**Contact Information**

**Instructor:**   
**Email:**   
**Phone: (**423) 439-  
**Office:**

**Instructor Availability**

Office Hours:

**Course Description & Materials**

*Prerequisites*: N/A  
Exposes students to essential components of emergency/disaster preparedness operations and activities on an organizational and systems level.  Students are introduced to various preparedness operations for a variety of settings in anticipation of emergency/disaster events.  Emphasis is placed on developing students’ leadership abilities and abilities to serve as a preparedness resource person for organizations and various systems within the community.

**Required Materials**

[enter textbook, software, tool etc]

**Course Overview**

**Course Purpose and Objectives**

The purpose of this course is to provide competency in emergency and disaster preparedness on an organizational and systems level.

The objectives for offering this course are to

* Provide students with a skill set for emergency/disaster preparedness activities specific to organizations and systems.
* Provide students with opportunities to explore the risks and hazards of individual emergency/disaster events and explore development of emergency/disaster plans to be implemented in times of crisis for organizations and systems.
* Train students to apply systems thinking to disaster/emergency preparedness.

**Expected Learning Outcomes**

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| Upon completion of the course, students will:   1. Explain fundamental concepts and importance of public health preparedness. 2. Identify legal issues in emergency preparedness. 3. Analyze emergency/disaster hazards and threats within communities and organizations. 4. Implement and critique preparedness activities such as hazard assessment, planning, training and evaluation 5. Identify leadership roles and responsibilities of incident management   **Major Course Topics**   |  | | --- | | * Role of Public Health in Emergencies & Emergency Preparedness Planning * Legal Issues in Preparedness Planning * Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance in Preparedness and Response * The Preparedness Cycle * Multiagency Coordination, Information Sharing and Interoperability * Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication * Medical Countermeasures * Leadership for Public Health Preparedness | |

**Course Policies**

**Attendance**

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| The intention of this course is to provide necessary training to enable each student to perform potentially life-saving techniques.  Attendance is expected for all class meetings.  In the event of an absence the student is responsible for the materials, assignments, and handouts that were presented, distributed, or due at that time, as well as any class notes from the lecture.  If a student misses an assignment, activity, quiz, and/or examination due to an EXCUSED absence (defined below) and informs the instructor prior to the absence, the item may be completed at the discretion of the faculty. If, however, an assignment, activity, quiz, or examination is missed due to an UNEXCUSED absence, the student may not complete a make-up assignment.  If the student fails to complete any scheduled make-up assignment, a grade of zero will be recorded for the missed item. Excuses must be submitted and verified, along with scheduling the make-up assignment(s) within one week of the absence.  Excused absences   * In the case of emergency (e.g. death in the family or illness), absence from the class may be excused. In such cases it is the responsibility of the student to explain the situation to the faculty member prior to the absence. The faculty member may request verification of the emergency situation or illness from the student * Students confined at home or in a hospital for an extended period of time shall notify the faculty member  from  whose  class  they  will  be  absent  so  that  arrangements  can  be  made  for  completion  of assignments, if feasible. * University sanctioned events |

**Assignment and Grading**

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**Other**

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