

WHAT IS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT?

Emergency management is the function charged with creating the framework within which communities and other industries reduce vulnerability to hazards and enhance resiliency to emergencies and disasters.



CAREER PATH

You can find an emergency management position in nearly all professional sectors.

Your opportunities are endless!

- Financial Institutions
- Technology Companies
- Retail
- K-12 and Higher Education
- Local, County, State, and Federal Governments
- Hospitals and Healthcare
- Airports and Railroads
- Private Utilities
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Military
- Data Analytics
- Major League Sports
- Event Venues

**STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?
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**PREPARE
FOR YOUR
CAREER
IN**

**EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT**

KEY SKILLS

Some top key skills of Emergency Managers include:

- **Communication:** *clearly convey plans and actions both orally and written*
- **Critical-Thinking:** *anticipate hazards and problems in order to respond and recover effectively*
- **Decision Making:** *analyze and choose among many options, often in stressful situations*
- **Interpersonal:** *work with and coordinate the work of a wide range of organizations and people*
- **Leadership:** *influence and guide others through training and action*



YOUR ROADMAP

While there are no statutory qualifications to be an emergency manager, it is *highly* suggested you plan your career path with the following information to make you stand out from other applicants.



Emergency Management is not a one size fits all profession, and to stay current you need to seize opportunities, network, and read - lots of reading! By doing these three steps you will strengthen your abilities and maintain professional resilience.



You are sure to stand out from the rest if you take the time to volunteer. Consider volunteering with an emergency management agency or humanitarian or disaster response and relief agencies to gain valuable knowledge and skills.



Formal training is one of the top qualifications required. One of the easiest ways to get free training is through FEMA online courses. Aim to have 100 hours of generic management courses and 100 hours of emergency management courses.



Having a university qualification in emergency management is a growing trend. 57% have a bachelor's, 20% have an associate's, and only 4% percent have a high school diploma. Choose a university program that offers a diverse program focused on current and emerging trends in emergency management.

IMPORTANT LINKS

City of Aurora Emergency Management:
<https://www.aurora-il.org/396/Emergency-Mgmt-Agency>

Illinois Emergency Management Agency:
<https://iema.illinois.gov/>

Federal Emergency Management Agency:
<https://training.fema.gov/is/>

TITLE GAME Try using these emergency management titles when performing your career search.

- Emergency Management Director, Coordinator, or Specialist
- Business Continuity Manager
- Disaster Program Manager, Response Manager, or Recovery Manager
- Crisis Management
- Resiliency Director or Manager
- Emergency Preparedness and Response Manager