PROTECTING SOCIETY IS MORE THAN A CAREER—IT’S A CALLING

Environmental disasters, terrorism, espionage—threats like these make headlines every day. Purdue University Global’s degree program prepares you to pursue leadership roles managing all aspects of modern fire, EMS, and emergency preparedness agencies. Be ready to take on new and emerging challenges in areas such as human resources, technology, and fiscal responsibility. The degree program is closely based on the Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education (FESHE) curriculum model and is accredited by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC).
WHY STUDY FIRE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AT PURDUE GLOBAL?

ONLINE FLEXIBILITY FOR WORKING ADULTS
Earn your degree 100% online, on your schedule. This program is ideal if you’re in the fire or emergency management field and work unconventional hours. You can also visit one of our regional locations to take advantage of local, onsite support and services.

CREDIT FOR YOUR EXPERIENCE AND INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS
Receive credit for up to 75% of your degree for previously completed courses, professional learning, and certifications.¹ We work closely with fire academies and fire service associations to make earning your degree as affordable and efficient as possible.

IAFF PARTNERSHIP AND TUITION REDUCTION
Purdue Global partners with the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) to provide members, staff, and immediate family members a significant tuition reduction.²

FACULTY ARE EXPERTS IN THE FIELD
Learn from experienced professionals with a variety of backgrounds in public safety, emergency management, and fire services. Many currently work in the field—they understand your career requirements and the challenges you face.

ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING
Work directly with faculty during online discussion boards and office hours, and enjoy no-cost individual tutoring. In addition, academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your career and life responsibilities.

INTRODUCTORY TRIAL PERIOD
Make sure online learning at Purdue Global is right for you. Enroll in the University and try our classes for 3 weeks before you owe any tuition. That’s the Purdue Global Commitment.³

TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN YOUR CAREER AND YOUR EDUCATION

PREPARE FOR LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
The general public and government appointees are demanding higher levels of training and education for those who lead our nation’s first response teams during catastrophic disasters, terrorist incidents, and typical emergencies. Prepare to meet this demand.

ACCELERATED MASTER’S DEGREE OPTION
Work toward a Purdue Global master’s degree in public administration, educational psychology, human services, legal studies, or psychology while you earn your bachelor’s degree.⁴ Earn both degrees in less time and at a lower cost than completing both programs separately.

NATIONALLY RANKED AND RESPECTED
Purdue Global is part of the respected Purdue University system. One of the most prestigious research universities in the world, Purdue University is ranked in the top 10 best public universities in the U.S. by The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education.⁴

Purdue Global is one of the largest providers of public safety programs in the United States.⁵

Recognized by the U.S. Fire Administration as an Official FESHE Institution
IFSAC Accredited Program
The career-focused curriculum is designed for emergency services personnel who want to increase their administrative and management knowledge. The courses are reviewed and revised continually by industry experts to ensure they reflect the most recent developments in the field.

**COURSE TOPICS INCLUDE:**
- Preparedness and planning
- Crisis management in terrorist attacks and disasters
- Community risk reduction
- Recovery practices
- Fire prevention, organization, and management
- Political, ethical, and legal foundations of emergency services
- Leadership and management
- Personnel and human resources management
- Mitigation and risk assessment
- Disaster policy

**Capstone Project**
A final, hands-on capstone allows you to build your resume, gain real-world skills, and put your knowledge into action.

**PROGRAM DETAIL**
- **Credit Hours:** 180
- **Completion Time:** 2–4 years (With transfer credit and other prior experience, the average completion time for Purdue Global bachelor’s degree graduates in 2019–2020 was 2 years.)
- **Course Load:** 1–2 courses per term
- **Terms:** 10 weeks long
- **Start Dates:** Throughout the year

**GAIN THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE THAT EMPLOYERS DEMAND**
- Understand the ethical, social, civic, cultural, behavioral, economic, and political issues of global emergency and disaster planning.
- Develop a comprehensive program for operational and strategic emergency management decisions and materials management.
- Oversee the design and management of disaster and fire defense planning.
- Appraise the psychological effects of emergency services, safety, and survival.
- Evaluate fire and emergency situations and scenarios.
- Use technology to inform and enhance operational and strategic emergency management decisions.
- Analyze fire-related human behavior and the psychological effects of fire dynamics.

“The fire service [industry] has been experiencing rapid changes, and the duties and responsibilities placed upon the individuals within each department must adapt and evolve to meet these new challenges. Formal education is critical to individual and departmental success in the future. A degree from the University could provide the formal education that an individual can immediately put to use in his/her department for this service of their community.”

**Jake Rhoades**
Faculty Member
Fire Chief for the Kingman Fire Department, Kingman, AZ

**ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS**
- Bachelor of Science in Fire Science
- Master of Science in Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- Master in Public Administration
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK
• Employment of emergency management directors is expected to grow from 2019 to 2029. The importance of preparing for and minimizing the risks from emergencies will help sustain demand, and vital positions in the industry are expected to be highly sought-after.
• Employment in the disaster relief industry more than doubled between 1990 and 2017, with continued growth projected through 2026.
• Employment in the protective service field as a whole is also projected to grow through 2029.
• Many fire departments require a bachelor’s degree for positions higher than battalion chief.

CAREER PATHWAYS AND OUTCOMES
Roles
• Emergency management program manager/director
• Emergency management planner
• Risk management professional
• Fire department chief or manager
• Municipal firefighting and prevention supervisor
• Fire inspector
• Fire investigator

Settings
• Emergency services organizations
• Emergency medical service
• Emergency preparedness agencies
• Fire departments

CENTER FOR CAREER ADVANCEMENT
Our Career Specialists offer the following services:
• Job search and networking support
• Career assessment/exploration
• Resume and cover letter review
• Interview preparation/mock interviews
• Portfolio development to showcase your skills
• Assistance in building an online presence
• Virtual career fairs
• 24/7 online access to job openings and career development tools

Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission
Purdue Global is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The HLC (HLC.commission.org) is an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Military Friendly
We offer reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, veterans, and spouses.

Contact an Admissions Advisor at 844-PURDUE-G or visit PurdueGlobal.edu.