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OUR MISSION

The Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium (RDPC), through its Consortium Members, will provide small, rural, and tribal emergency responders and communities with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to enhance the safety, and quality of life for their citizens through training, technical assistance, and information sharing.

OUR VISION

Rural communities across America will have the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to enhance the safety, security, and quality of life for citizens.





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FEMA's National Training and Education Division (NTED) offers a full catalog of courses at no-cost to help build critical skills that responders need to function effectively in mass consequence events. Course subjects range from Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Terrorism, Cybersecurity, and Agro-Terrorism to Citizen Preparedness and Public Works. NTED courses include multiple delivery methods: instructor-led (direct deliveries), virtual deliveries (instructor-led), train-the-trainers (indirect deliveries), customized (conferences and seminars) and web-based. A full list of NTED courses can be found at www.firstrespondertraining.gov.

Executive Message



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The Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium (RDPC) understands all too well our nation's rural and tribal emergency responders face unique challenges when compared to their urban counterparts.

As a result, RDPC is committed to providing small, rural, and tribal emergency responders and stakeholders with the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to enhance the safety, security, and quality of life for their citizens through access to Department of Homeland Security (DHS)-certified training developed specifically for rural and tribal practitioners and communities.

RDPC, a program of the US Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), has worked for more than 18 years to deliver all-hazards training at no cost to our nation's small rural, and tribal communities.

Led by The Center for Rural Development, RDPC has trained close to 119,000 emergency responders from small, rural, and tribal communities in all 50 states and 5 US territories from January 2005 through December 2022.

RDPC's mission is to deliver all-hazards training by helping our nation's rural and tribal first responders "prepare for the worst and train to be the best."

We look forward to continuing to serve small, rural, and tribal first responders in the years to come by providing the tools, resources, and training to help them better prepare and serve all citizens.

Academic Members



Led by The Center for Rural Development, the RDPC is comprised of 4 academic members and 1 affiliate with expertise and niche capabilities in developing and delivering DHS-certified training to small, rural, and tribal communities. Each institution brings a vast amount of knowledge and experience that prepares communities in the event of a disaster. We value each member, as well as their steadfast dedication to help others.

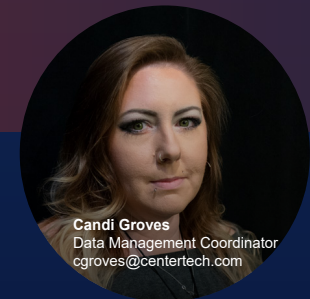
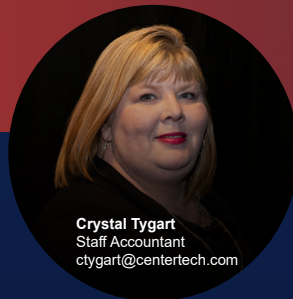


For more information about the RDPC and it's academic members, visit www.ruraltraining.org or call **877-855-RDPC**.

MEET OUR STAFF

Much like the rural first responder community, our staff, support team, and consortium members work together to achieve the overall mission and vision of the RDPC.

The team is honored to serve our nation's first responders by delivering relevant, all hazards training to small, rural and tribal communities across America.



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RURAL *defined*

Since its inception, RDPC has worked diligently to develop and deliver training to small and rural communities throughout the United States. While Americans tend to have an idealized image of rural America, a common definition for “rural” is difficult to find and is one of the most frequently asked questions of RDPC.

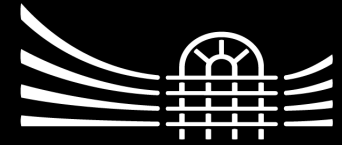
Consistent with guidance from the U.S. Census Bureau, RDPC defines the rural communities it serves as “any location with a population of less than 50,000 and with a population density of less than 1,000 persons per square mile.” In addition to the U.S. Census Bureau, most Federal agencies use a population threshold of under 50,000 to define a “rural” area.

RDPC interprets the phrase, “any location,” as applying to cities, towns, villages, parishes, communities, and counties, a flexibility that ensures areas are not excluded unduly. For example, this definition can include a rural city within an urban county. The citizens of rural communities face unique challenges when preparing for all-hazards. For example, limited population and tax bases can create difficulties for community public safety agencies in terms of staffing, equipment, and other resources.

In many cases, RDPC represents the only opportunity for emergency response service providers to obtain access to timely, effective training. Therefore, understanding rural America and working to identify its specific needs are critical tasks for RDPC.

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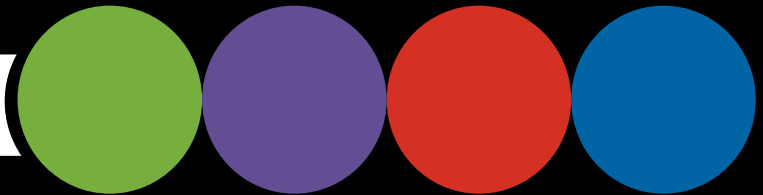
The Center
for Rural Development

RDPC is led by The Center for Rural Development in Somerset, KY. Established in 1996 through the vision of U.S. Congressman Harold Rogers (KY-05), The Center for Rural Development is a 501c(3) nonprofit organization fueled by a mission to provide leadership that stimulates innovative and sustainable economic development solutions and a better way of life for the citizens we serve. The Center is also a nationally recognized model for successful rural development.

The Center has four Focus Areas: **PUBLIC SAFETY**, **ARTS & CULTURE**, **LEADERSHIP**, and **TECHNOLOGY**, serving a 45-county primary service area in Southern and Eastern Kentucky. We are committed to constantly expanding our capabilities in order to deliver a range of key services throughout Kentucky and beyond. The Center's Public Safety programs are reaching first responders and law enforcement professionals across the nation.

The Center has expertise in developing and administering training programs, including curriculum design, development, and delivery. As Executive Agent, The Center also plays a key role as a technology provider to the RDPC program. The Center is responsible for the design, development, and continued support of the RDPC web presence as well as online training registration, evaluation reporting capabilities, and learning management systems. The Center is a DHS/FEMA training provider.

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2022 COMPLETIONS : 5,180

INSTRUCTOR-LED COURSES

COMPLETIONS

AWR 144 Port Vessel Security for Public Safety and Maritime Personnel	80
AWR 147 Rail Car Incident Response	194
AWR 148 Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents: Partnering Rural Law Enforcement, First Responders and Local School Systems	1559
AWR 209 Working with the Media: A Course for Rural First Responders	51
AWR 232 Mass Fatalities Planning & Response for Rural Communities	220
AWR 302 Pipeline Security in Rural Communities	0
AWR 311 Small Vessel Security for Rural Communities	76
AWR 328 All Hazards Preparedness for Animals in Disasters	196
MGT 335 Event Security Planning for Public Safety Professionals	116
MGT 381 Business Continuity Planning	27
MGT 383 Emergency Operations Plans for Rural Jurisdictions	24
MGT 401 Planning and Intervention for Security Threat Groups, Hate, and Terrorist Groups in Rural Jails and Prisons	56
MGT 403 Underserved Populations Preparedness Planning for Rural Responders and Volunteers; formerly known as <i>Access and Functional Needs Preparedness Planning for Rural Communities</i>	178
MGT 405 Mobilizing Faith-Based Community Organizations in Preparing for Disaster	139
MGT 406 Community Threat Group Identification, Assessment & Information Reporting for Rural Law Enforcement Officers	91
MGT 415 Disaster Recovery in Rural Communities	56
MGT 416 Continuity of Government Operations Planning for Rural Communities	16
MGT 417 Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents for Key Decision Makers	374
MGT 433 Isolation & Quarantine: A Whole Community Approach	17
MGT 448 All Hazards Planning for Animal, Agricultural, and Food Related Disasters	202
MGT 449 Community Based Response to All-Hazards Threats in Tribal Communities	51
PER 294 Testing an Emergency Operations Plan in a Rural EOC	0
PER 333 Isolation and Quarantine Response Strategies in the Event of a Biological Disease Outbreak in Tribal Nations	31

TOTAL INSTRUCTOR-LED COURSE COMPLETIONS IN 2022

3754

VIRTUAL COURSES

AWR 144 Port Vessel Security for Public Safety and Maritime Personnel	37
AWR 147 Rail Car Incident Response	0
AWR 148 Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents: Partnering Rural Law Enforcement, First Responders and Local School Systems	221
AWR 209 Working with the Media: A Course for Rural First Responders	0
AWR 232 Mass Fatalities Planning & Response for Rural Communities	159
AWR 311 Small Vessel Security for Rural Communities	0
AWR 328 All Hazards Preparedness for Animals in Disasters	0
MGT 381 Business Continuity Planning	106
MGT 383 Emergency Operations Plans for Rural Jurisdictions	0
MGT 401 Planning and Intervention for Security Threat Groups, Hate, and Terrorist Groups in Rural Jails and Prisons	11
MGT 403 Underserved Populations Preparedness Planning for Rural Responders and Volunteers; formerly known as <i>Access and Functional Needs Preparedness Planning for Rural Communities</i>	132
MGT 405 Mobilizing Faith-Based Community Organizations in Preparing for Disaster	55
MGT 406 Community Threat Group Identification, Assessment & Information Reporting for Rural Law Enforcement Officers	0
MGT 415 Disaster Recovery in Rural Communities	0
MGT 416 Continuity of Government Operations Planning for Rural Communities	0
MGT 433 Isolation & Quarantine: A Whole Community Approach	0
MGT 448 All Hazards Planning for Animal, Agricultural, and Food Related Disasters	0
MGT 449 Community Based Response to All-Hazards Threats in Tribal Communities	12
PER 333 Isolation and Quarantine Response Strategies in the Event of a Biological Disease Outbreak in Tribal Nations	0

TOTAL VIRTUAL COURSE COMPLETIONS IN 2022

733

WEB-BASED COURSES

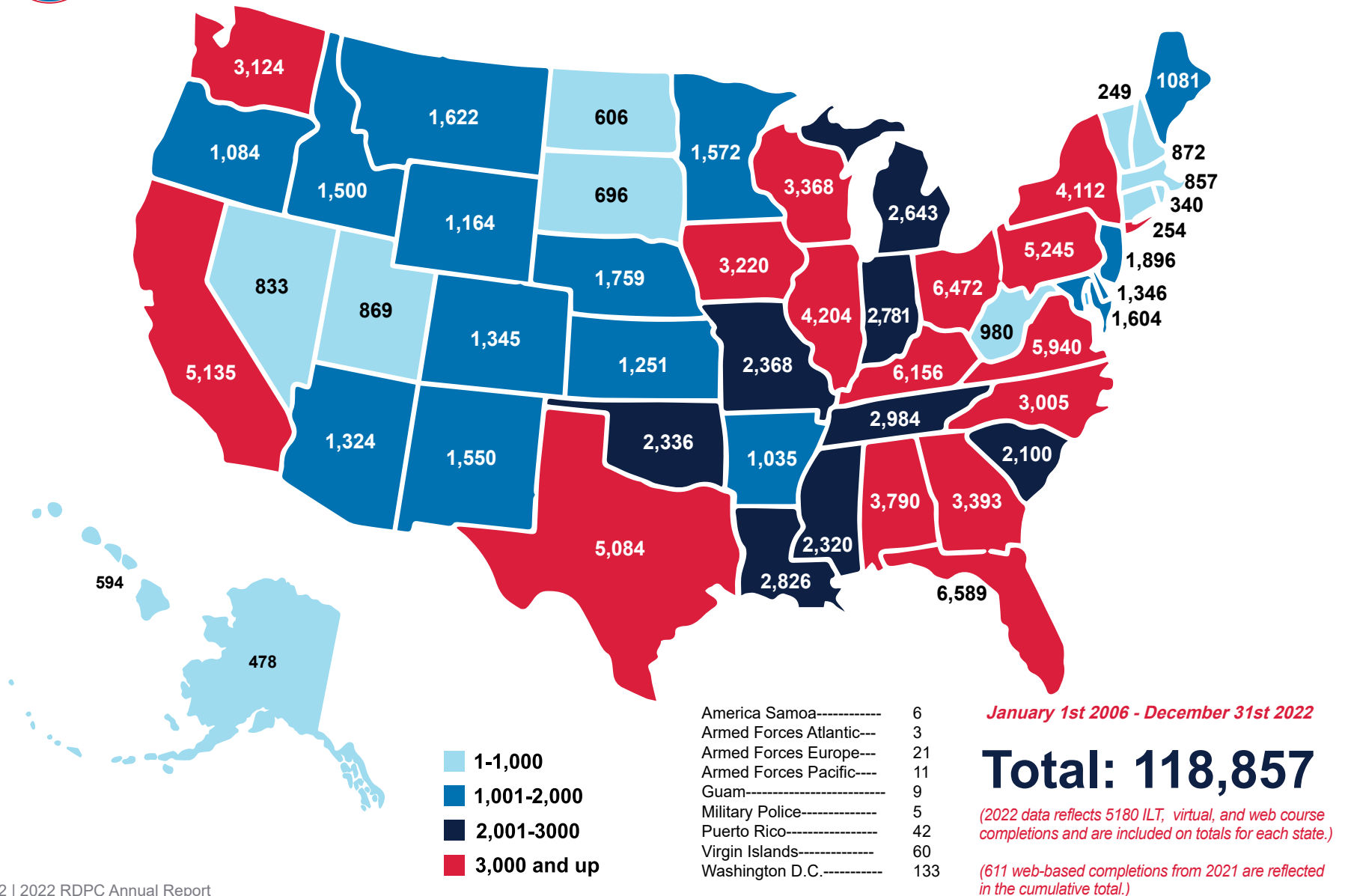
AWR 148-W Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents: Partnering Rural Law Enforcement, First Responders, and Local School Systems	174
AWR 187-W Terrorism & WMD Awareness in the Workplace	394
AWR 209-W Working with the Media: A Course for Rural First Responders	25
MGT 335-W Event Security Planning for Public Safety Professionals	67
MGT 433-W Isolation & Quarantine: A Whole Community Approach	33

TOTAL WEB-BASED COURSE COMPLETIONS IN 2022

693



Close to **119,000** students trained since 2006.



The Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium (RDPC) is proud to be able to offer quality training to rural and tribal first responders. While initially all training was in person (mobile), RDPC has since been able to expand its offerings to include some virtual and web-based training. The audience served includes people from a variety of disciplines and levels of government.



The disciplines represented include:

- **Healthcare**
- **Information Technology**
- **Law Enforcement**
- **Public Health**
- **Public Safety Communication**
- **Public Works**
- **Search and Research**
- **Security and Safety**
- **Transportation**
- **Agriculture**
- **Animal Emergency Services**
- **Citizen/Community Volunteer**
- **Education**
- **Emergency Management**
- **Emergency Medical Services**
- **Fire Service**
- **Government Administrative**
- **Hazardous Materials**

The highest training representations are in Emergency Management, Fire Services, Law Enforcement, and Security and Safety disciplines. The levels of government represented by trainees include:

- **Military**
- **Private Sector**
- **Special District**
- **Statewide/Territorial**
- **Tribal Nation**
- **Federal (Non-DHS)**
- **Federal DHS**
- **Federal FEMA**
- **International**
- **Local Government**

The highest representation of trainees are from the Local Government and Statewide Territorial levels. Reaching the rural and tribal audience is critical to effective first response for these communities. RDPC looks forward to maintaining and expanding its quality training for rural and tribal first responders in the years to come.



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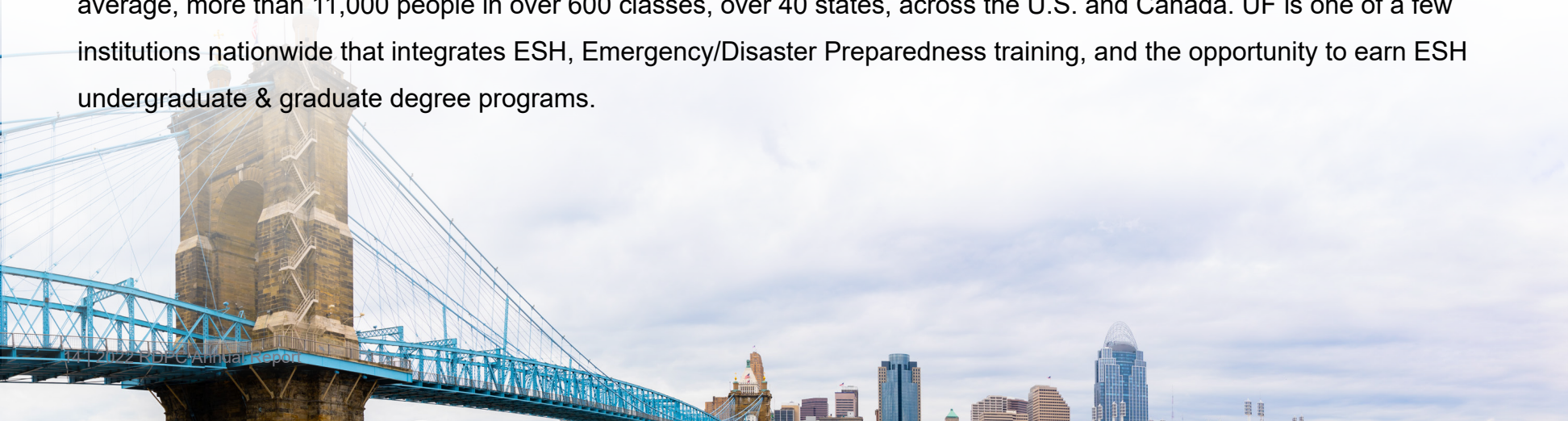
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The University of Findlay (UF), located in Findlay, OH, is an RDPC member. It is a private liberal arts college founded in 1882. It is home to over 5,000 students. The University of Findlay's All Hazards Training Center (Findlay All Hazards) provides customized education, training, and information transfer programs focusing on environmental, safety, and health (ESH) issues as well as security management and emergency/disaster preparedness for both industry and emergency responders across the U.S.

Findlay All-Hazards strives to keep the customer training needs paramount by the fact that 90% of training occurs on-site at client locations.

Since its inception in 1986, the training center has trained over 250,000 people coast-to-coast. UF annually trains, on average, more than 11,000 people in over 600 classes, over 40 states, across the U.S. and Canada. UF is one of a few institutions nationwide that integrates ESH, Emergency/Disaster Preparedness training, and the opportunity to earn ESH undergraduate & graduate degree programs.



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COURSES

AWR 144 Port and Vessel Security for Public Safety and Maritime Personnel

AWR 147 Rail Car Incident Response

AWR 148 Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents: Partnering Rural Law Enforcement, First Responders, and Local School Systems

AWR 302 Pipeline Security for Rural Communities

AWR 311 Small Vessel Security for Rural Communities

MGT 417 Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents

(Note: AWR 144-V, AWR 147-V, AWR 148-V and AWR 311-V, are also available virtually via Zoom for Government. AWR 148-W is also available as a web-based course.)

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North Carolina Central University (NCCU) is a top-ranked historically black university by the U.S. News & World Report. Its mission statement notes, “North Carolina Central University, with a strong tradition of teaching, research, and service, prepares students to become global leaders and practitioners who transform communities.” The university serves as a hub for intellectual dialogue and discourse and is a source of academic distinction and game-changing innovation for North Carolina, the United States, and the world. Founded in 1910, NCCU is the oldest publicly funded liberal arts college founded for African Americans in the nation.

Located in the state’s Research Triangle, NCCU has an enrollment of approximately 8,000 students from continents including North America, Africa, South America, and Europe. The university offers bachelor’s degrees in 100 disciplines, master’s degrees in more than 40 areas, and a Ph.D. in Integrated Biosciences. NCCU’s graduate and undergraduate degrees are housed in seven colleges and schools: College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities; College of Health and Sciences; School of Business; School of Education; School of Graduate Studies; School of Law; and School of Library and Information Sciences.



COURSES

MGT 401 Planning & Intervention for Security Threat Groups, Hate, & Terrorist Groups in Rural Jails and Prisons

MGT 405 Mobilizing Faith-Based Community Organizations in Preparing for Disasters

MGT 406 Community Threat Group Identification, Assessment & Information Reporting for Rural Law Enforcement Officers

(Note: MGT 401-V, MGT 405-V, and MGT 406-V, are also available virtually via Zoom for Government.)

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Northwest Arkansas Community College (NWACC) was founded in August 1990 with 1,200 students. Today, NWACC serves more than 15,000 students in college credit and non-credit courses in Benton and Washington counties. NWACC is a comprehensive, public two-year college that serves to empower lives, inspire learning, and strengthen communities through accessible, affordable, quality education. The commitment of NWACC to life-long learning can be seen in the quality of instruction it offers, and the variety of programs it has designed to move students into the job market in a minimum amount of time, enrich people's lives and prepare them to further their education. Established in 2005, the Institute for Corporate and Public Safety (ICPS) is part of the Workforce and Economic Development division at NWACC. During its tenure, ICPS developed and maintains 11 active instructor-led and online 11 courses that to date have been delivered throughout the United States and territories, training more than 18,500 people in more than 600 communities.

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AWR 232 Mass Fatalities Planning and Response for Rural Communities

MGT 381 Business Continuity Planning

MGT 383 Emergency Operations Plans for Rural Jurisdictions

MGT 403 Access and Functional Needs Preparedness Planning for Rural Communities

MGT 415 Disaster Recovery in Rural Communities

MGT 416 Continuity of Government Operations Planning for Rural Communities

MGT 433 Isolation and Quarantine for Rural Communities

PER 294 Testing an Emergency Operations Plan in a Rural EOC

(Note: Except for PER 294, the courses listed above are also available virtually via Zoom for Government. MGT 433 is also available as a web-based course.)

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The Western Institute for Food Safety and Security (WIFSS) at UC Davis has continued to provide much-needed training to rural communities as a member of the Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium (RDPC) in 2022. Even though the COVID-19 pandemic caused an unexpected change in how training was delivered in 2021, WIFSS persevered to convert in-person training to an engaging and effecting online virtual format.

2022 allowed a fresh return to the In Person training. The year was kicked off with training beginning in Utah and ended with the last training being provided in Delaware. Students and agencies were relieved to be back in the classroom for networking and live interaction for table top exercises and planning. As a result, WIFSS trained participants from the East Coast of New York to the West Coast of California in 2022. The training events were attended by professionals in disaster preparedness, planning, and response from a multitude of states and agencies from the local level to the federal level, to include Tribal and the Amish Communities. Mother nature, unfortunately provided many case studies to include fire, ice, hurricanes and disease outbreaks, such as Avian Influenza amongst poultry. However, these disaster events continue to confirm the need for further planning to include the Animal, Ag and Food industries in the Emergency Operation Plans.

COURSES

AWR 328: All Hazards Preparedness for Animals in Disasters

MGT 448: All Hazards Planning for Animal, Agriculture, and Food Related Disasters.



The course evaluations show that participants report high levels of engagement and interest being able to problem-solve with colleagues and other professionals who are experienced in disaster response and planning. Many participants advise “they did not realize how many things there are to consider for the Animal, Ag and Food component in Emergency Planning

- Tracey Stevens, Program Manager/Lead Instructor, WIFSS

(Note: AWR 328-V, MGT 448-V, are also available virtually via Zoom for Government.)



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The RDPC continues to work with the **Center for Agriculture and Food Security and Preparedness (CAFSP)** at the University of Tennessee, Institute of Agriculture (UTIA) to develop courses specifically for Tribal nations. Instructors from CAFSP work with Tribal nations to determine the needs of the community prior to each training. CAFSP currently has two courses tailored to meet the needs of the Tribal communities. MGT 449 addresses the distinctive challenges that Tribal nations face in effectively detecting, responding to, managing, and mitigating all-hazard threats that include disease outbreaks and the occurrence of environmental health threats, using a whole community approach. PER 333 addresses the unique challenges that Tribal nations face in responding to a biological disease outbreak. CAFSP combines its instructional design staff with the expertise of UT faculty and other institutions across the country to address current issues related to food defense, food safety, public health, emergency

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COURSES

AWR 209 Working with the Media: A Course for Rural First Responders

MGT 335 Event Security Planning for Public Safety Professionals

PER 333 Isolation & Quarantine Response Strategies in the Event of a Biological Disease Outbreak in Tribal Nations

MGT 449 Community Based Response to All-Hazards Threats in Tribal Communities

Training Excellence in Tribal Nations

The RDPC and CAFSP remain committed to delivering training excellence in Tribal nations.

For more information about these courses, visit us online at www.ruraltraining.org.

(Note: CAFSP is an affiliate of the RDPC).

(Note: AWR 209-V is also available virtually via Zoom for Government. AWR 209-W, MGT 335-W are also available as web-based courses.)

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The Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium (RDPC) works in close partnership with the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium (NDPC). The NDPC consists of seven nationally-recognized organizations whose membership addresses the urgent need for counter-terrorism preparedness within our nation's emergency responder community. The NDPC effectively delivers all-hazards training within the context of chemical, biological, radiological, and explosive weapons of mass destruction (WMD) hazards.

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For more than 17 years, the Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium has been committed to ensuring the increase of knowledge and capabilities of rural and tribal emergency responders and community stakeholders by providing vital training at no cost to students or communities. Nationally, as well as within the 5 U.S. territories served, we continue to see the need for pre-disaster preparedness training due to the affects of severe weather events, mass shooting incidents, cyber-security attacks and the list goes on.

We understand the importance our training provides to undeserved communities. We are committed to continuing to bring significant training in the upcoming year. I would like to thank all of the staff at our administrative office at The Center for Rural Development as well as out extraordinary Consortium Members, who all work together to make this public service possible. You all inspire me daily.



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