BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN
HEALTH SCIENCES WITH A
MAJOR IN LEADERSHIP FOR
EMERGENCY ACTION AND
DISASTER RESPONSE

The bachelor of science in health sciences (BSHS) in leadership for emergency action and disaster response (LEADR) degree is a 120-credit degree-completion program. This is a military partnership program, and only current or former Special Operations Forces (SOF) operators and enablers across the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines are considered for admission. As a closed admission military program established via military partnership, additional coursework above 60 credits may be considered for equivalency to courses in the major at the discretion of the program director. On a case-by-case basis, up to 75 credits may be transferred from traditional and non-traditional learning.

Upon completion of the BSHS in leadership for emergency action and disaster response program, graduates are prepared in the following areas:

- **Leadership**: Compare leadership approaches for implementation and execution of complex projects in diverse, interagency environments.
- **Technology**: Analyze methods of technology application in asymmetric conditions.
- **Resources**: Appraise resource utilization and management in emergency and disaster settings.
- **AEM/CEM**: Analyze four phases of the disaster activity (i.e., mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery) for all risks (i.e., attack, man-made, and natural) and the role of actors and stakeholders in the cycle.
- **Management**: Synthesize key agency roles and collaboration throughout critical incident responses.
- **Communication**: Communicate effectively with diverse stakeholders, individually and in group settings, using verbal, written, and electronic modes of communication.

Visit the program website (https://smhs.gwu.edu/military-affiliated-programs/bshs-leadership-emergency-action-disaster-response/) for more information.

ADMISSIONS

**Admission deadlines:**
- Fall - July 15
- Spring - November 15
- Summer - March 15
- Spring - November 15
- Summer - March 15

The application and all supporting documentation (statement of purpose, letters of recommendation, transcripts) must be received by the deadline in order for the application to be reviewed.

**Standardized Test Scores:**
- Not required

**Recommendation required:**
- One letter of recommendation. Recommendation should be from an academic instructor who can strongly attest to your academic ability and/or someone who has served in a supervisory capacity for you and can strongly attest to your work ethic. Recommendations from family and friends are not accepted.

**Prior academic records:**
- Transcripts are required from all colleges and universities attended, whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Transcripts must be forwarded in their original sealed envelopes. Official transcript may also be sent electronically directly from the institution.

**Official military transcripts (e.g., JST, CCAF)**

**Statement of purpose:**
- Please include a 250-500 word essay describing your reasons for undertaking study at The George Washington University, and your academic objectives, career goals, and related qualifications, including collegiate, professional, and community activities, relevant to your program of interest. Include any substantial accomplishments not already mentioned on the application form.

**GPA and credit hour requirement:**
- Students need a minimum 2.5 GPA in prior college coursework, and advanced standing in order to apply to the degree completion program. Prospective students are advised to enter the program with 60 credits to aid in timely degree completion; however, prospective students with a minimum of 45 credits will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the program director.

**Additional requirements:**
- This is a closed admissions program. Only current or former SOF operators and enablers across the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines will be considered for admission.

**Prerequisite courses that must be completed prior to admission:**
- 6 credits in English composition; 3 credits in college mathematics (college algebra, statistics, or above); 3 to 4 credits in natural or physical science with a lab; 6 credits in social sciences; and 3 credits in humanities.
International Applicants who are not U.S. citizens are required to submit official test scores for either Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or Pearson's Test of English (PTE) Academic or the academic International English Language Testing System (IELTS). The following are the minimum scores for admission consideration: TOEFL: 100 on the Internet-based exam PTE: overall score of 68 IELTS: an overall band score of 7.0, with no individual band score below 6. Applicants may be exempted from the English Language Test on a case-by-case basis. The advisor should contact the Admissions Office on behalf of the student for a review. All guaranteed admission agreement students are exempted from the English Language requirement.

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:
Office of Admissions
Health Sciences Programs
The George Washington University
2600 Virginia Avenue
Suite 104
Washington, DC 20037

Alternatively, official electronic transcripts can be sent to hsphora@gwu.edu

For questions contact:
hsphora@gwu.edu ~ 202-994-0384
9:00am to 5:00pm, Monday through Friday

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 120 credits, 60 of which must be completed at GW and 60 of which may be considered for equivalency to courses in the major; at the discretion of the program director, additional coursework above 60 credits may be considered. On a case-by-case basis, up to 75 credits may be transferred from traditional and non-traditional learning.

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