

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

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 requirements: 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.

Prerequisites: 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: 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 Pearsons 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
 2000 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
 Suite 2000
 Washington, DC 20006

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.

| Code | Title | Credits |
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General education

6 credits English composition

3 credits in quantitative reasoning (college algebra, statistics, or higher)

3 credits in scientific reasoning (must be in natural and/or physical laboratory sciences)

6 credits (2 courses) in critical thinking in the social sciences

3 credits in critical thinking in the humanities

At least 24 additional college credits from a regionally accredited institution

Advanced standing and electives

During the student's first semester of enrollment in the program, up to 41 credits in advanced standing for eligible military courses and other non-traditional learning will be noted on the student's record and applied toward the bachelor's degree.

Core courses for the major, which must be taken at GW

EHS 2109 Infectious Diseases and Bioterrorism

EHS 2160 Disaster Response Planning and Management

EHS 2161 Principles of Hazardous Materials and CBRNE Incident Management

EHS 3101 Leadership Concepts

EHS 3103 Technology in Critical Incident Response

EHS 3105 Integrated Response to High Impact Violent Incidents

EHS 3107 Financial Management for the Disaster Cycle

EHS 4101 Humanitarian Relief Operations

EHS 4103 Advanced Topics in Leadership

EHS 4105 Operations Management in Asymmetric Conditions

EHS 4160 Project Management and Leadership Capstone

HSCI 2105 Current Issues in Bioethics

HSCI 2112W Writing in the Health Sciences

HSCI 4102 Human Physiology in Extreme Environments

HSCI 4112W Research and Writing in Health Sciences

Major electives (15 credits)

EHS 2211 Introduction to Telemedicine

EHS 4198 Administrative Internship

HSCI 2101 Psychosocial Aspects of Health and Illness

HSCI 2102 Pathophysiology

HSCI 2110 Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Concepts

HSCI 3113 Health Policy and the Health Care System

HSCI 4105 Case Studies in Healthcare

HSCI 4106 Introduction to Epidemiology for Health Sciences

HSCI 4114 Healthcare in Developing Nations