

DelValle Institute for Emergency Preparedness

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Just Released: New Online Courses

The DelValle Institute is pleased to announce the release of the following new online courses on our [Learning Center](#).*



Emergency Operations Planning (EOP): Awareness

According to the Joint Commission, all accredited healthcare institutions in the United States must conduct and annually review their Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) - a plan which provides the comprehensive structure and processes used to respond to and recover from an event. Based on federal guidance and other best practices, this awareness course provides personnel involved in emergency preparedness and mitigation efforts with an overview of the EOP process as well as valuable planning resources. [Take the course today!](#)



Hazard Vulnerability Analysis (HVA) Planning: Awareness

Has your healthcare organization identified and prepared for impacts to patient care, staff safety, facilities, and financial stability? Completing a Hazard Vulnerability Analysis (HVA) allows organizations to identify natural and man-made hazards, the impact, and vulnerability associated with each hazard. This course uses the Kaiser Permanente Hazards and Vulnerability Assessment Tool as a model to provide an overview of how to develop and implement an HVA process. [Take the course today!](#)



Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Triage: Awareness

Based on use of the Simple Triage And Rapid Treatment (START) algorithm for adults and the JumpSTART algorithm for children, this interactive course provides an overview of mass casualty incident (MCI) management. Geared towards providers of varying clinical experience, this course will teach individuals to effectively and efficiently assign a triage category to MCI patients using guidelines based on changes in vital signs. [Take the course today!](#)

Individuals who have pre-screened the new courses say:

"Really good, easy to navigate, and visually appealing. Bravo."

"Easy to follow and focused for the intended audience."

"Another excellent, excellent course!"

*All three courses offer OEMS and nursing continuing education credits. Users can now edit their profiles on the Learning Center to include their EMT numbers. Please see individual course pages for more information.

Upcoming Courses



**All Hazards Disaster
Response and Protection
for Healthcare Personnel -
Awareness Modules I & II**
Various Dates

Boston MRC Orientation
Various Dates

"Very effective, informative. Instructors are experienced, good teachers."

"Excellent course. I loved the balance between class and practical exercises."

eLearning

Visit our Learning Center for more information and to register for these online courses:

[Continuity of Operations Planning \(COOP\): Awareness](#)

[Emergency Operations Planning \(EOP\): Awareness](#)

[Emergency Risk Communication for Public Health Professionals](#)

[Hazard Vulnerability Analysis \(HVA\) Planning: Awareness](#)

[Incident Command System \(ICS\): Just-in-Time Training](#)

[Mass Casualty Incident \(MCI\) Triage: Awareness](#)

[Mass Dispensing Clinics: Just-in-Time Training](#)

[Pathways to Preparedness: How to Prepare Your Household for an Emergency](#)

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Emergency Preparedness News, Updates, and Affiliated Trainings

Lessons Learned: Social Media and Hurricane Sandy

Social media and collaborative technologies have become critical components of emergency preparedness, response, and recovery. The Virtual Social Media Group, established by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Science and Technology Directorate, recently developed a document on lessons learned related to social media during Hurricane Sandy. The 39-page document also discusses best practices, presents examples, identifies gaps in technology, and offers points requiring further discussion. To access the full document, visit <http://tinyurl.com/socialmedialessons>

Alerting the Whole Community: Removing Barriers to Alerting Accessibility

According to census data, it is possible that nearly 25% of the U.S. population may need some form of assistance or accommodation to receive emergency alerts. This month, FEMA published a short paper to demonstrate how the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) addresses the challenges of reaching the whole community. Although IPAWS cannot solve all of the challenges, the paper offers evidence that the system can mitigate them. To access the full document, visit <http://tinyurl.com/wholecommunityalert>

Partners

The Institute has great partners in emergency preparedness trainings for public health and healthcare providers in Massachusetts:

& Training (CEEPET)

- [The Local Public Health Institute](#)
- [The Preparedness and Emergency Response Learning Center at the Harvard School of Public Health \(H-PERLC\)](#)
- [Massachusetts Department of Public Health](#)
- [Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency](#)
- [Mayor's Office of Emergency Management \(OEM\)](#)
- [Department of Homeland Security](#)

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