**COBH 2950 – Emergency/Disaster Preparedness for Home and Community**

Credits: 3 Section: \_\_\_\_ Term: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Location & Meeting Time**

Classroom location:

Class Meeting Schedule:

**Contact Information**

**Instructor:**
**Email:**
**Phone: (**423) 439-
**Office:**

**Instructor Availability**

Office Hours:

**Course Description & Materials**

*Prerequisites*: N/A
Exposes students to essential components of emergency and disaster preparedness for individual homes and communities.  Students are introduced to various preparedness activities and operations necessary in anticipation of emergency situations.  Emphasis is placed on customizing preparation activities to the home and community environments. The unique issues of special needs individuals and at-risk populations are explored.

**Required Materials**

[enter textbook, software, tool etc]

**Course Overview**

**Course Purpose and Objectives**

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the basic concepts of emergency and disaster preparedness on an individual and community level.

The objectives for offering this course are to

* Provide students with a skill set for emergency/disaster preparedness activities specific to home and community environments.
* Train students to identify individual emergency/disaster events and explore development of emergency/disaster plans to be implemented in times of crisis.
* Provide exploration of how individual preparation efforts impact disaster response efforts at the community level.

**Expected Learning Outcomes**

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| Upon completion of the course, students will:1. Identify and implement emergency/disaster preparedness activities for various hazard categories.
2. Evaluate the importance of preparation, response, and recovery operations.
3. Explain the value of disaster education, planning, and training.
4. Develop emergency/disaster planning skills for sheltering in-place and evacuation situations.
5. Recognize opportunities to assist others in the community to prepare and respond in emergency/disaster events.

**Major Course Topics**

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| * Essential needs in disasters
* Organizations that serve emergency/disaster victims
* Preparing home/living environments for potential disasters
* Safety practices specific to disaster environments
* Emergency notification systems
* Creating a family disaster plan
* Emergency preparations for travel
* Animals in Disasters
* Sheltering and evacuation operations
* Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)
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**Course Policies**

**Attendance**

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| The intention of this course is to provide necessary training to enable each student to perform potentially life-saving techniques.  Attendance is expected for all class meetings.  In the event of an absence the student is responsible for the materials, assignments, and handouts that were presented, distributed, or due at that time, as well as any class notes from the lecture.If a student misses an assignment, activity, quiz, and/or examination due to an EXCUSED absence (defined below) and informs the instructor prior to the absence, the item may be completed at the discretion of the faculty. If, however, an assignment, activity, quiz, or examination is missed due to an UNEXCUSED absence, the student may not complete a make-up assignment.  If the student fails to complete any scheduled make-up assignment, a grade of zero will be recorded for the missed item. Excuses must be submitted and verified, along with scheduling the make-up assignment(s) within one week of the absence.Excused absences* In the case of emergency (e.g. death in the family or illness), absence from the class may be excused. In such cases it is the responsibility of the student to explain the situation to the faculty member prior to the absence. The faculty member may request verification of the emergency situation or illness from the student
* Students confined at home or in a hospital for an extended period of time shall notify the faculty member  from  whose  class  they  will  be  absent  so  that  arrangements  can  be  made  for  completion  of assignments, if feasible.
* University sanctioned events
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**Assignment and Grading**

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**Other**

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