



Call for Papers

Higher Education in Emergency Management Pathways to Professional Excellence in the 21st Century

The **Journal of Emergency Management** Editorial Review Board invites the submission of papers supporting a special issue **Higher Education in Emergency Management - Pathways to Professional Excellence in the 21st Century**. Our goal is to support the growth and professionalization of emergency management and provide a reference work that can be utilized by those in the field and those considering entering.

Building on the success of our recent special issues, this unique edition will present an educational roadmap highlighting key upcoming changes in the field of emergency management. This includes the integration of advanced artificial intelligence for predictive analytics, the adoption of climate resilience strategies, and the implementation of enhanced cybersecurity measures. Imminent shifts in the field occur with innovative community-based disaster preparedness programs using interdisciplinary approaches, taking account of ethical considerations. Additionally, potential licensing and credential requirements are on the horizon, aiming to standardize minimum qualifications and ensure a high level of expertise across the profession.

Leadership and leadership development are not just buzzwords in emergency management. They are the backbone of our profession, as effective leaders are crucial for coordinating responses and managing resources during crises. This edition will delve into the intricacies of leadership in emergency management, providing valuable insights and strategies for aspiring leaders and those looking to enhance their leadership skills. It will be particularly beneficial those considering a career in emergency management, as well as for current emergency managers and others seeking to join, or to extend their education in this complex, challenging, and highly rewarding field.

The **Journal of Emergency Management** Editorial Review Board invites the following partial list of topics for submission:

- Core competencies for the 21st century emergency manager and evolving professionalization of the field
- Licensing of emergency management professionals at the state and federal levels and continuing education requirements
- Confronting mounting 21st century crises and the expanding role of the emergency manager to address all kinds of humanitarian crises related to homelessness, drug addiction, migrant resettlement, cybercrime, climate change, etc., topics that may have been outside the purview of EM before, but are no longer.
- Exploration of the apprenticeship or practicum approach to augment emergency manager education
- Making the transition from the fire services or law enforcement to emergency management
- Education and training for federal, state, and local emergency management and NGO emergency management work
- Emergency management as an academic field—Research methods and skills in the era of big data and AI
- College program selection process and criteria
- Emergency management—Is it for me and what are the rationale for entering this profession?
- Certificates, AS, BS, MS or PhD, what do I need to succeed in the field?
- The key to securing a meaningful internship and/or job placement in the emergency management field
- Leadership among emergency management professionals; assessing effective leadership up and down the chain of command; learned versus natural leadership skills and their roles in the organization
- Emotional intelligence and its role in emergency management
- Opportunities and challenges in building synergy between academic and practitioner stakeholders
- The impact of diversity, or lack thereof, within the emergency management educational setting
- Contact us with innovative topics and discuss your paper!

All manuscripts will be processed in the standard JEM double-blinded peer-review process.

Manuscripts accepted thru: April 30, 2025

Submission Details: To submit all manuscripts, please visit www.emergencymanagementjournal.com and use the **Manuscript Submission** link available on the journal's webpage. When you submit your paper, please select the "JEM Higher Ed" section.

Questions? Email us at jem@pnpc.com. For assistance contact us at 781-899-2702, ext. 114 from 9 am – 4 pm EST.

Important Dates:

- Manuscript submissions deadline: April 30, 2025
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