

■ APPLICATION INFORMATION

Class size is limited and all applicants may not be accepted into the program. Interested individuals are encouraged to seek an advisor early in their college career to ensure that all prerequisites are completed in a timely manner.

All courses completed which apply toward the AAS degree will be included in calculating the GPA for application.

Courses that do not apply toward the AAS degree will not be included in the GPA calculation.

Continued admission to this degree program is based upon completion of prerequisite course(s) required, and acceptance by disaster preparedness and emergency management agencies for required practicum experiences. Some of these agencies may require a background check.

■ APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Apply for admission to ASU. Contact the Office of Admissions at (870) 972-3024 for more information or online at www.astate.edu
2. Declare the AAS DPEM program as your major.



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■ ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (DPEM) is an interdisciplinary program that prepares students to enter professions in the much needed areas of disaster preparedness and emergency management. The program requires 60 hours of undergraduate level courses related to disaster preparedness, mitigation, planning, response and recovery. Students will select 11-12 hours in an emphasis area within DPEM.

Students wishing to pursue the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in DPEM must apply to Arkansas State University and meet all of the admission requirements established by the university. Students must schedule a personal interview with an AAS adviser. Continued admission to this degree program is based upon the acceptance by clinical agencies for required practicum experiences. Students may earn up to 15 credit hours through prior learning assessment.

Courses may be taken on-line from ASU. Transfer credits will be accepted but may not exceed 50%. Some courses will incorporate didactic and practical hands on experiences with agencies and professionals in the fields of disaster preparedness and emergency management. Travel costs for practicum experiences are the responsibility of the student. Some of the practicum experiences may require travel to another state for up to one week.

■ PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT

Prior learning assessment (PLA), also known as Experiential Credit, is a term used to describe learning gained outside a traditional academic environment. Learning through work, employer training programs, military service, independent study, and volunteer or community service are all examples of where knowledge may be acquired. PLA is the evaluation and assessment of an individual's prior learning for college credit, certification, or advanced standing toward any further education or training.

To learn more go to the Learning Counts website: <http://www.learningcounts.org/Pages/Default.aspx>
Contact the CECO Office to find out more about obtaining academic credit for previous experiences.

■ AAS CURRICULUM

Program Pre-requisites

- Minimum GPA of 2.00 on all transfer work
- Completion of the ASU admission application process with acceptance
- Completion of the AAS DPEM application process with acceptance

The following is one suggested sequence in which requirements for the AAS in Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Management may be completed. Students should consult their advisor for a plan that best meets their individual needs.

Freshman Year – Fall Semester	Credit Hours
English Comp I	3
DPEM 1101 Introduction to Incident Management	1
DPEM 1111 Introduction to Resource Management	1
DPEM 1121 Introduction to Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive Incidents.....	1
DPEM 2233 Framework of Healthcare Emergency Management	3
DPEM 2323 Respiratory Protection: Program Development	3
DPEM 2343 Introduction to Hazardous Materials	3

Freshman Year – Spring Semester

English Comp II	3
College Algebra	3
DPEM 2353 Global Perspectives.....	3
DPEM 2213 Principles of HAZMAT Response	3
DPEM 2363 Fundamentals of CBRNE Crime Scene Management.....	3

Sophomore Year – Fall Semester

Biological or Physical Science with lab	4
DPEM 2223 Hazardous Materials Containment	3
Support/Emphasis Elective	3
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CS 1013 Intro to Computers OR	
CIT 1503 Microcomputer Applications.....	3

Sophomore Year – Spring Semester

POSC 2103 Intro to Government	3
DPEM 2313 Pandemic Planning & Preparedness	3
DPEM 2303 Environmental Health in Emergency Response.....	3
Support/Emphasis Elective	3
Support/Emphasis Elective	2-3

Support/Emphasis Electives

DPEM 1503 Introduction to Community Preparedness	
DPEM 1703 Introduction to Community Emergency Response	
DPEM 2243 CBRNE Incident Practicum	
DPEM 2333 Evidence Collection for CBRNE Incidents	
DPEM 2341 Clinical Implications of CBRNE Incidents	
DPEM 2351 First Responders and CBRNE Incidents	
DPEM 2371 Protective Measures at CBRNE Incidents	
DPEM 2391 Initial Response to Suicide Bomb Attacks	
DPEM 2402 Civil Disorder in Disasters and Emergencies	
DPEM 2412 Command and Planning for Civil Disorder in Disasters and Emergencies	
DPEM 2422 Extrication Tactics for Civil Disorder in Disasters and Emergencies	