
Introduction to Disaster Services
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Description	<i>Introduction to Disaster Services</i> is an online course consisting of three separate learning modules that will introduce learners to American Red Cross Disaster Services and allow them to discover how volunteers support this critical mission and to explore ways they can become involved in a local chapter.
Purpose	The purpose of this basic level Disaster Services online course is to engage and inspire the public to actively participate in supporting American Red Cross disaster response.
Learning Objectives	After completing this course, participants will be able to— <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Represent the Red Cross to our government and emergency management partners in a manner consistent with the Red Cross mission, vision, values and procedures.• Identify how your communities and the Red Cross work together to prepare for disasters and continue to work together during and after a disaster, emphasizing the Red Cross role.• Describe how individuals in Red Cross Response contribute to preparing for and alleviating the effects of a disaster through the services we provide.• Identify ways that you can volunteer with or contribute to the activities of Red Cross Response in your local community.• Contact your local Red Cross to learn more about volunteering with disaster response.
Audience	Participants are members of the general public who wish to gain an awareness of Red Cross Disaster Services. Chapters may also require new volunteers complete the course before advancing through other courses offered in the existing Disaster Services curriculum.
Prerequisites	There are no prerequisites for this course.
Length	The course is comprised of three modules, and takes approximately 45 minutes to complete.
Scheduling	The course may be accessed via any of the following three methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• www.redcross.org• The Red Cross Learning Management System (LMS): Chapters who wish to track learners and course completion can require volunteers complete the course on the LMS. Participants can access this self-paced course 24 hours a day, 7 days a week via the Internet.• CD-ROM: For learners without internet access, the course can also be accessed via CD-ROM.



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Instructor Requirements

Because this course is available online, no instructors are required.

Materials

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