UWM Panther Response Team (PRT) Program

Purpose and Impact: The UWM Panther Response Team (PRT) facilitates opportunities for UW-Milwaukee students, faculty, and staff to train and serve with agencies and non-profit organizations that support individuals and communities as they prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies and disasters. PRT Members will engage in training, teambuilding, volunteerism, and critical reflection. PRT Members will play a vital role in supporting individuals and communities in times of need while enhancing the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee’s civic mission.

Tasks and Activities: Although PRT activities will range from disaster relief, home rehabilitation, long-term recovery assistance, and to CPR/AED & First Aid training, activities completed by the PRT Member will generally coincide with one or more of the phases of emergency management as outlined by the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), including: mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. PRT Members may also participate in social activities or other special events related to disaster and emergency management coordinated by our partners.

Qualifications & Skills: All PRT Members must be current students, faculty, or staff of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The PRT will recruit individuals from the UW-Milwaukee campus community with diverse skillsets and academic/professional interests, and will be comprised of individuals from military-affiliated (active and veteran) and civilian backgrounds. No prior experience in emergency and disaster management is required for PRT membership.

**PLEASE NOTE: Additional qualifications & skills may be required by an agency or non-profit organizational partner.

Commitments of the PRT Member: All PRT Members will agree to the following commitments and expectations:

- Completion of an Online Application Form
- Attend New Member On-Boarding and Orientation (OBO)
  - Completion of a 10 Question Pre-Test and an End of Year Post-Test
- Attend PRT Teambuilders (2 per year)
- Completion of a core set of Online Training Modules (FEMA ICS 100, ICS 700)
- Complete a CPR/AED Course (Certified or Non-Certified)
- Participation in at least FOUR sponsored service activities with the PRT per year

Commitments of PRT Member to Agency and Non-Profit Organizational Partners: Additional qualifications, skills, and time commitments may be required of PRT Members by an agency or non-profit organizational partner for specific volunteer and leadership positions (e.g. the American Red Cross “Disaster Action Team”). PRT Members are responsible for fulfilling the terms and conditions of service agreed upon with a partnering agency or non-profit organization.

Site and Supervision: Service and training sites will vary considerably, but will primarily be located off-campus. When possible, transportation to off-campus service and training sites will be provided by the CCBLLR. During training and service activities coordinated by a partnering agency or non-profit organization, the PRT Member will report to an agency/organizational representative. Additional PRT Member activities will be coordinated by the CCBLLR.

Costs to the PRT Member: The cost of training, travel, lodging, meals, and most supplies while deployed or on a service project will be covered by the UWM-CCBLLR and/or the partnering agency or non-profit organization.

Potential Benefits to the PRT Member: The PRT Member will attain professional, teambuilding, and leadership development skills while serving with well-recognized agencies and non-profit organizations at the local, regional, and national level. This position is an excellent way to develop a transferable skillset in an interdisciplinary sector and to expand one’s network for professional and academic careers in emergency preparedness, response, and recovery.
ONLINE TRAINING MODULES

Online Independent Study Program – FEMA’s Emergency Management Institute (EMI)

FEMA’s Emergency Management Institute (EMI) offers self-paced courses designed for people who have emergency management responsibilities and the general public. The Independent Study Program (ISP) offers approximately 200 training courses. Additionally, students are able to obtain Continuing Education Units (CEU) and other benefits for all ISP courses. All are offered free-of-charge to those who qualify for enrollment.

**NOTE: Independent Study Exams require a FEMA Student Identification (SID) Number. The FEMA Student SID number is a unique number generated and assigned to anyone who needs or is required to take training provided by a FEMA organization. Register for an SID Number here: https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid

UWM Panther Response Team members are required to complete TWO independent study courses:

ICS-100: Introduction to Incident Command System https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-100.b
No Prerequisites. 0.3 CEU. Course Length: 3 hours. Completed on __/__/20__

Course Description: ICS-100 introduces the Incident Command System (ICS) and provides the foundation for higher level ICS training. This course describes the history, features and principles, and organizational structure of the Incident Command System. It also explains the relationship between ICS and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

No Prerequisites. 0.3 CEU. Course Length: 3 hours. Completed on __/__/20__

Course Description: ICS-700 introduces and overviews the National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS provides a consistent nationwide template to enable all government, private-sector, and nongovernmental organizations to work together during domestic incidents.

For a complete listing of FEMA EMI Independent Study Courses, please visit: https://training.fema.gov/is/