

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY: PATHWAY OF PROFESSIONALISM

ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY



COURSES YOU NEED



TRAINING



EXPERIENCES



NETWORK



CAREER SUCCESS

**1st
Year**

Fall: EMHS 1013
Spring: EAM 2003
Gen ed courses

Connect & plan with your Professional Mentor

Take FEMA independent study courses.

Discuss opportunities with your Professional Mentor & keep track of your certificates.

Volunteer to start gaining experience.

Variety and depth will likely be most beneficial.

Join the Resilience in Disasters & Emergencies (RIDE) registered student organization.

Discuss with your Professional Mentor & research emergency management jobs to become familiar with position requirements.

**2nd
Year**

Fall: EMHS 3003, EMHS 3023, EMHS 3053
Spring: EMHS 3063, EMHS 4033

Choose certificate of focus or minor.

Attend relevant courses and training. External trainings will expose you to a larger network and more opportunities.

Participate in guest lectures, attend campus events, complete classwork as if field work, and continue to volunteer.

Join EM online groups, make professional connections on LinkedIn & social media, attend EM conferences.

Keep resume updated, explore job possibilities, complete practice job interviews, job shadow or obtain an internship, and keep portfolio updated

**3rd
Year**

Fall: EMHS 4013, EMHS 4023
Spring: EMHS 3013, EMHS 4003

Consider the Accelerated bachelor's to master's (AB2M).

Pursue trainings to expand knowledge in the area of EMHS you are interested. Focus efforts towards certificates and licensures.

Work with your Mentor & seek out opportunities for applied projects and research.

Connect with EMHS program alumni to grow your network, attend career fairs.

Follow-up with connections made.

Complete job searches, keep resume updated, and work with the campus career center for advice and tips.

ALL EMHS CORE CLASSES SHOULD BE COMPLETED BEFORE ENROLLING IN 4th YEAR COURSES

**4th
Year**

Internship, Externship, and Capstone

Apply for graduation.

Ensure all training is reflected on your resume and portfolio.

Work with your Mentor to assess experiences and identify any gaps related to job requirements.

Inform people in your network you are nearing graduation and on the job market.

Finish your EMHS courses, apply for jobs, or continue into the EMHS graduate program.

Students who declare EMHS later in their academic journey can still complete the Pathway of Professionalism and move through the development process.