



## School of Public Affairs

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **DENVER**

### **Emergency Management Director**

#### **MPA- related certificates and concentrations:**

- Disasters, Hazards & Emergency Management
- Emergency Management & Homeland Security

#### **MPA- related courses:**

- PUAD 5650: Public Service in Emergency Management and Homeland Security
- PUAD 5655: Principles of Emergency Management
- PUAD 5720: Public Policies for Hazards and Disasters
- URPL 6645: Disaster and Climate Change Planning

#### **Internship:**

- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- State and Local Emergency Management Agencies
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Community Emergency Response Teams
- International Organizations

**Duties and Responsibilities:** The duties and responsibilities of an Emergency Management Director typically involve planning, coordinating, and implementing strategies to prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies and disasters.

**Work Environment:** Many Emergency Management Directors are employed by government agencies at the local, state, or federal level. During emergencies and disasters, Emergency Management Directors may work in the field, deploying to incident command posts, disaster response sites, or affected communities to coordinate response and recovery efforts.

**Work Schedule:** Emergency Management Directors may be required to be available 24/7 to respond to emergencies, provide leadership during crisis situations, and ensure continuous coordination of response and recovery efforts. They may be on-call or part of a rotation schedule to ensure coverage during nights, weekends, and holidays.

**Career Path/Promotion:** Many individuals start their careers in entry-level positions related to emergency management. With several years of experience, professionals may advance to mid-

level management positions within emergency management agencies or organizations. Experienced professionals who demonstrate strong leadership skills and a track record of success may be promoted to leadership positions, such as Emergency Management Director or Deputy Director.

**Education, Training and Certification:** A Bachelor's degree is most likely required but training, certifications, conferences, and participation in professional organizations are needed to expand knowledge and skills.

**Skills and Competencies:** Leadership, Strategic Planning, Emergency Operations Management, Crisis Communication, Collaboration and Interagency Coordination, Decision Making

**Colorado Salary Averages:**

Bottom 10%: \$126,927

Top 10%: \$208,938

Median: \$161,593

**Median Salary in U.S.:** \$159,945