

Course: EHOH: 6642 Disaster Mental Health – International and Domestic Perspectives

Description: 3 credits, graduate level course for MPH students and others through the Colorado School of Public Health

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CONVERGE DISASTER MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING MODULE ASSIGNMENT

Overview:

This assignment is part of the week 1 introductory materials for the course. The specific **Disaster Mental Health (DMH)** [CONVERGE training module](#) is part of course materials intended to orient students to disaster mental health in the United States. The DMH Training Module emphasizes common mental health outcomes associated with disasters, including risk and protective factors that make certain populations and individuals more or less vulnerable. This module has been developed for disaster researchers and practitioners, and includes content broadly relevant to public health, and specifically relevant to this course (EHOH 6642: Disaster Mental Health). Click [here](#) to learn more about CONVERGE, a National Science Foundation-funded initiative headquartered at the Natural Hazards Center at the University of Colorado Boulder. In addition to the Disaster Mental Health training module, you can access additional training modules, briefing sheets and check sheets [here](#). To complete this assignment, you will submit a certificate of completion (2 points).

Instructions:

1. Go to the [CONVERGE website](#).
2. Click on 'Resources' and select 'Training Modules'.
3. Click 'Register Here'. Register and Log in.
4. Select 'Disaster Mental Health' training module.
5. At the close of the module, you will have the opportunity to take a 10-question quiz. If you get 8 out of 10 questions correct, you will receive a certificate of completion for the CONVERGE Disaster Mental Health Training Module. *Upload your certificate of completion to the link provided in Canvas.*

You will also need to complete reading reflections in Canvas for the week (2 points), drawing on the CONVERGE Disaster Mental Health module, in combination with the other course materials assigned for the week related to Global Mental Health, International Disaster Psychology, and Disaster Mental Health frameworks in the U.S.

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Please post thoughtful brief reflections in response to the questions below, linked to the materials this week.

1. Please share your thoughts about the readings on Global Mental Health, emphasizing at least one argument for, and one against Global Mental Health. You can draw directly from the readings, or supplement with additional arguments if you like.
2. Based on the resources this week, what is your impression of how Disaster Mental Health is unique and differentiated from Global Mental Health more broadly.
3. Context matters. How might mental health needs differ across contexts - in development vs humanitarian settings, in civil conflict/war vs an earthquake or disease outbreak, in a country with few resources vs a wealthy nation, in one cultural context compared to another?

