



CONVERGE TRAINING MODULES

SAMPLE ASSIGNMENT



Course: URPL-GP 2645: Planning for Emergencies and Disasters

Description: 3 credits, graduate level course

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PLANNING FOR EMERGENCIES AND DISASTERS TRAINING MODULE ASSIGNMENT

Overview:

The National Science Foundation-funded [CONVERGE](#) facility, headquartered at the Natural Hazards Center at the University of Colorado Boulder, offers several free online trainings. For this assignment, you will complete three asynchronous [CONVERGE Training Modules](#) that correspond with a particular theme throughout the course: Social Vulnerability and Disasters; Positionality in Hazards and Disaster Research and Practice; and Disaster Mental Health. The objective of completing these modules is to strengthen your empirical and methodological skill set while encouraging you to learn more about the social scientific study of disasters.

Each module should take you about 45 to 60 minutes to complete. Once you have successfully passed the 10-question quiz at the end of the module, you will be able to download a PDF completion certificate. In addition to completing the modules and downloading the certificates, you will need to write a one to one-and-a-half page reflection on the module, its relevance to course material, and your thoughts on its relevance to emergency management.

You must upload the PDF certificate and your reflection into the Brightspace learning management system to complete the assignment and receive credit.

Instructions:

1. Go to the [CONVERGE website](#).
2. Click on 'Resources' and select 'Training Modules'.
3. If you have not already done so for this class, you will need to first sign up and create a free account to access the modules. If you have previously created an account, just click 'Log in'.
 - To create an account: Click 'Register Here'. Follow the instructions on the screen to register, and then log in using your credentials.
4. Select Social Vulnerability and Disasters 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 Social Vulnerability and Disasters Training Module. Download and save the PDF of this file.



6. Write a brief, one to one-and-a-half page reflection on the module, its relevance to course material, and your thoughts on its relevance to emergency management.
7. *Upload your reflection and the PDF of your certificate of completion to the Brightspace learning management system for this course.*
8. Repeat the above steps for the Positionality in Hazards and Disaster Research Training Module, and then again for the Disaster Mental Health Training Module.

Evaluation Criteria: Students who complete the three required CONVERGE Training Modules and upload their certificates and complete reflections into the learning management system will receive full credit for this assignment.

