

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE

For most of its history, the focus of Health Science Education has been preparing students for health careers in a variety of healthcare settings. As healthcare and world events change, the need for preparation beyond the traditional health care delivery system is apparent.

Events such as the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, hurricane Katrina, and shootings on school and university campuses, have drawn attention to the need for a grassroots approach to emergency preparedness. This preparation includes:

- Citizen preparedness
- School preparedness
- The organization of local medical personnel in community response
- The training of citizens in community emergency response techniques

The purpose of HOSA 105 is to help the local HOSA advisor take an active role in preparing HOSA chapter members to use their knowledge and skills to help others – as responsible citizens, first responders, and members of the medical reserve corps. Our hope is that this course will help you, the local advisor, understand more about emergency preparedness outside the hospital walls, and implement strategies that directly impact student learning.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The course is divided into five modules, each with a specific set of learning objectives.

Module 1: Citizen Preparedness

1. Explain the purpose, partners and programs of the Citizen Corps.
2. Incorporate pandemic flu information in classroom instruction.
3. Analyze the services provided at Ready.gov.
4. Complete the course, "IS-22 Are you Ready? An In-depth Guide to Citizen Preparedness."

Module 2: Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

5. Explain the value of partnering with a local MRC unit.
6. Review an existing HOSA – MRC partnership.
7. Analyze the role of a HOSA chapter in partnership with a local MRC unit.
8. Introduce HOSA to a local MRC director.

Module 3: School-Based Emergency Preparedness

9. Discuss the components of school-based emergency preparedness.
10. Evaluate existing emergency preparedness plans for your school.
11. Complete the Introduction to the Incident Command System for Schools.
12. Identify the role of your HOSA chapter in activating for an emergency.

Module 4: Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

13. Compare the goals and services of CERT with local Emergency Management Services (EMS) and the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC).
14. Identify the CERT services in the local community.
15. Analyze certification and training opportunities offered through CERT.
16. Identify sources for CERT equipment and disaster kit supplies.
17. Discuss the value of partnering with a local CERT chapter.

Module 5: Emergency Response Skill Development

18. Identify HOSA Emergency Preparedness events.
19. Compare HOSA events with classroom instructional outcomes.
20. Teach rescue operation skills in the classroom.
21. Analyze opportunities for emergency response skill development in your health science program.

RESOURCES

In preparation for this course, the student (teacher, HOSA Advisor) must have ready access to the Internet. In addition, some publications can be ordered for free by calling the 1-800 number listed below. All of the publications are also available for download from various websites.

Ordering Publications from Ready.gov

Individuals or organizations who would like to order printed copies of *Ready* publications can do so by calling **1-800-BE-READY**. Multiple copies can also be requested by calling the **FEMA Warehouse** at **1-800-480-2520**

Individual & Family Publications

<http://www.ready.gov/america/publications/allpubs.html>



A few of the available publications are listed below. Most are optional. You **MUST** order or download and print the "Are You Ready" manual for Module 1.

- **High-Resolution "Family Emergency Plan" Quadfold Brochure**
This is a full-color, two-sided, quad-fold brochure.
- **Family Emergency Plan US Letter - 8.5" x 12"**
This is a full-color, two-sided document.
- **High-Resolution "Preparing Makes Sense. Get Ready Now." Trifold Brochure**
This is a full-color, two-sided, tri-fold brochure.
- **High-Resolution "Preparing Makes Sense. Get Ready Now." Booklet**
This is a full-color, 16 page booklet.
- **"Are You Ready?" Manual (Required)**
This is a 204-page In-depth guide to citizen preparedness.
- **Emergency Supply List**
This download is a full-color, two-sided, tri-fold brochure.
- **"Older Americans" Quad-fold Brochure**
This is a full-color, two-sided, quad-fold brochure.
- **"Disabilities and Special Needs" Quad-fold Brochure**
This is a full-color, two-sided, quad-fold brochure.

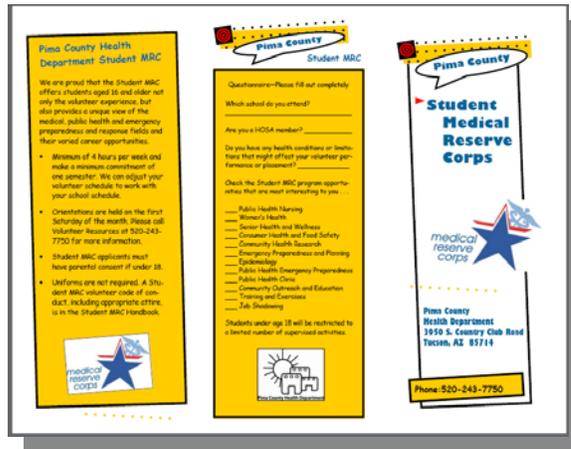
- **"Information for Pet Owners" Trifold Brochure**
This is a full-color, two-sided, tri-fold brochure.

For more information on individual and family preparedness go to the *Ready America* publications page at www.ready.gov/america/publications/index.html

MRC Website Resources

The Medical Reserve Corps website has a resource link page at <http://www.medicalreservecorps.gov/resources.asp> This includes a video gallery, photo gallery, and the MRC PowerPoint presentation, MRC 101.

Pima County Health Department Student MRC



Handbook

http://www.pimahealth.org/citizencorps/Student_MRC_Handbook.pdf

Brochure

<http://www.schosa.org/Resources/StudentMRCBrochure-1.pdf>

ASSESSMENT

This course includes five (5) modules and a number of assignments that must be completed. All of the assignments should be collected in a course notebook. At the conclusion of the course, the notebook can be submitted to a CEU or degree-granting institution for credit.

If you are a teacher or HOSA Advisor who wishes to complete this course for any type of credit, BE SURE you have prior approval from the credit-granting institution.

This course includes a requirement to complete two independent study courses through FEMA's Emergency Management Institute. Completion of those courses and successfully completing the course assessment will result in the awarding of CEUs from FEMA.

HOSA 105 NOTEBOOK ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

Course participants must collect evidence of course completion in a notebook or portfolio, and include the items in the order listed below.

- Assignments – Module 1
 - Lesson plan (Attachment 1-1)
 - Video summary (Attachment 1-2)
 - CEU Credit Certificate for “Are you Ready?” course
 - Assignments – Module 2
 - MRC 101 PowerPoint questions (Attachment 2-1) 1 or 5 copies, depending on the actual assignment
 - Partnership Opportunities (Attachment 2-2)
 - Pima County MRC Review Summary (Attachment 2-3)
 - Introducing HOSA to the MRC (Attachment 2-4)
 - (Optional) Guest speaker summary
 - Assignments – Module 3
 - School Assessment (Attachment 3-1)
 - CEU Credit Certificate for “Introduction to ICS for Schools.”
 - Assignments – Module 4
 - Comparing Services Chart (Attachment 4-1)
 - CEU Credit Certificate for “Introduction to Community Emergency Response Teams”
- OR**
- CERT Lesson Summary (Attachment 4-2)
 - Value of Partnering with CERT (Attachment 4-3)
 - Assignments – Module 5
 - Curriculum Crosswalk (Attachment 5-1)
 - HOSA Emergency Management summary (Optional)

