

# Life After AmeriCorps: Emergency Management

You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose.  
You're off to Great Places! You're off and away!  
*Oh, the places you'll go!*, Dr. Seuss

There are a variety of paths into the emerging field of Emergency Management. We encourage you to think carefully about what you've felt most passionate about during your time with AmeriCorps NCCC, and explore ways you could turn this spark into something that fuels you for years to come.

## Formal Education Programs:

EMI has a list of colleges and universities that offer certificate programs, associate's degrees, bachelor's degrees and graduate degrees in Emergency Management, Public Administration, Public Safety, Criminal Justice, Disaster Management, Emergency Administration, Public Policy, Homeland Security, Public Health and International Disaster Relief.

Interested? Learn more at this link: <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/edu/collegelist/>

## Experiential Education:

Further the training you learned in your service year through training and experience with a community organization as a Firefighter, Emergency Medical Technician, Paramedic, Police Officer, Member of the Military, Nurse, City/County/State Emergency Management.

## Professional Organizations:

- Emergency Management Professional Organization for Women's Enrichment (EMPOWER) ([www.empower-women.com](http://www.empower-women.com))
- International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) (<http://www.iaem.com/>)
  - IAEM has a Job Board that members can access
- National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) ([www.nemaweb.org](http://www.nemaweb.org))

## Internship/Fellowship Opportunities:

**Pathways Internship Program:** <http://www.hhs.gov/careers/pathways/index.html>

The Internship Program is designed to provide students enrolled in a wide variety of educational institutions, from high school to graduate level, with opportunities to work in agencies and explore Federal careers while still in school and while getting paid for the work performed.

## Federal Agencies who work in Disasters:

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)

Department of Health and Human Services:

Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR)

Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)  
Department of Transportation  
US Forest Service (Department of Agriculture)  
Army Corps of Engineers (Department of Defense)  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Department of Energy  
Department of Justice

### **LinkedIn:**

Update your LinkedIn Profile and check out the following groups of interest on LinkedIn:

- Professionals in Emergency Management
- All Hands Community Network
- Disaster & Emergency Management
- Disaster Researchers and Disaster Management Professionals
- Emergency Preparedness Consultants/Trainers Group
- Emergency Operations Center
- Emergency Managers Weekly Report
- Crisis, Emergency, and Disaster Recovery Professionals
- Public Private Sector Partnerships
- National Emergency Management Resource Center

### **Community Organizations:**

- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) (<http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/>)
- Girl Scouts Preparedness Patch (<http://www.gscnc.org/dhs.html>)
- Boy Scouts Emergency Preparedness  
(<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/Publications/EmergencyPreparedness.aspx>)
- American Red Cross ([www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org))

### **Recommended Reading:**

- Emergency Management Magazine (Sign up for a free subscription)
- Journal of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- *Emergency Management: The American Experience, (1900-2010)* by Claire Rubin

### **Lighter Reading:**

- *A Paradise Built in Hell: The Extraordinary Communities That Arise in Disaster* by Rebecca Solnit
- *The Unthinkable: Who Survives When Disaster Strikes* by Amanda Ripley
- *Zeitoun* by Dave Eggers (Available at the Vinton Public Library)

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