

# Crisis Leadership Course Outline

Course Name: Crisis Leadership  
Course Number: ( 0 + 6401  
Course Credit: 3 credit hours  
Format Online 7.5 week accelerated

## Course Purpose:

With a growing interest in crisis leadership and practices, it becomes essential that the system of instruction has a sound theoretical and empirical base. While there are many personal opinions and perspectives concerning leadership practices, the field of Emergency and Crisis Management seems to be overlooking the historical research foundation that has already been established for forward progress in shifting the paradigm into useful and practical leadership application. With the segregation of disciplines from the public and private perspective, an exploration of overall practice is difficult, unless one has studied the empirical evidence on both sides and joined this research.

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leadership theory must come from a multidisciplinary perspective in order to best understand the theoretical evolution that has taken place over the past 80 years. Currently, the system of leadership in Emergency and Crisis management is being called into question and few researchers have called attention to a reexamination of the leadership literature in order to better educate emergency/ crisis managers by offering a foundation upon which to make better leadership decisions. Exploration and education of leadership perspectives is necessary to fuel a new paradigm to evolve our crisis and emergency managers into becoming better leaders. It is past time for students to be better educated on leadership practices to assist the development of better leadership application in the fields of Emergency and Crisis Management.

## Program Outcomes:

Students will learn about the evolution of leadership theory from historical  
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leadership will be examined along with insights and recommendations toward building better crisis and emergency management leaders and decision makers. Upon the completion of this course, students will:

1. Examine the historical and contemporary theories of leadership and crisis leadership.
2. Identify what aspects of leadership have been disproven through research.

3. Produce a term paper demonstrating further study into a crisis or emergency management leadership issue.
4. Analyze and synthesize multi-disciplinary articles for discussion and further understanding.
5. Identify cognitive processes that take place under the context of stress and uncertainty.
6. Explain the contextual and psychological processes that differentiate leadership.
7. Differentiate between managerial tasks and leadership tasks.
8. Identify the process of training transfer
9. Identify some common gaps that exist between training programs and actual performance.
10. Differentiate between training models of mentoring, coaching, experiential learning, computer based, simulation, and scenario.
11. Examine case studies in crisis success and failure.
12. Differentiate between the pros and cons of using scenario based training programs to prepare crisis and emergency managers for leadership roles.

Grading Scale:

Grade	Percent Required
A	93-100%
A-	90-92%
B+	87-89-%
B	83-86%
B-	80-82%
C+	77-79%
C	73-76%
C-	70-72%
D+	67-69%
D	63-66%
D-	60-62%
F	0- 59%

Accessibility Statement:

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## WEEK 6:

The Process of Stress in Decision Making and Information Processing  
Suggestions for Improved Leadership Practice and Effectiveness for  
Emergency Managers