



Testimonials from EADP Alumni

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I graduated from the University of North Texas Emergency Administration and Planning Degree (EADP) in May 2005. As a student of the program, I gained knowledge in all four phases of Emergency Management such as Preparedness, Mitigation, Response and Recovery. During the program, I completed many courses that focused on various Emergency Management and Terrorism-related events, case studies from previous disasters, and lessons learned to mitigate against future disasters. During my studies at UNT, I also completed a 240 hour internship with the City of North Richland Hills Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security to gain practical "hands on" experience in Emergency Management.

With a degree in Emergency Management from the University of North Texas and internship experience, has allowed me to gain work experience in Disaster Relief with the American Red Cross--Dallas Area Chapter, Disaster Program Coordinator with a hospital, and an Emergency Management Officer-Planner position with Dallas County Office of Security and Emergency Management (OSEM). These positions have given me planning and response experience with disasters such as Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, flooding, tornadoes, winter storms and many more.

As an Emergency Management Planner for Dallas County, I am responsible for updating of the Emergency Management Plan and Annexes, Project Manager for the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) program at Dallas County OSEM, liaison with Dallas County jurisdictions in Emergency Management Planning, conducting Comprehensive Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA) for Dallas County, conducting consequence analysis on identified hazards in Dallas County, conducting Emergency Management Planning activities throughout Dallas County and the North Central Texas region by building and maintaining relationships, Planning Section Chief in the Dallas County Emergency Operations Center, Incident Action Planning during events, utilizing E-Team Incident Management System for all emergencies/disasters, planning and coordinating emergency management exercises with key emergency response agencies across a sixteen (16) county region, developing After Action Review and Improvement Plans for completed exercises, engaging in regional planning efforts such as the Regional Medical Operations Center (RMOC), Multi-Agency Coordination Center, Regional Emergency Managers, Dallas County VOAD, Dallas Medical Operations Center (DMOC), Hazard Mitigation Action Planning, Regional Shelter Committee, hurricane planning, and regional catastrophic planning and Critical Infrastructure.

My Emergency Management degree from UNT and practical experience gained in the field have allowed me to complete my Certified Emergency Managers (CEM) certification through the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) and my Texas Emergency Managers (TEM) certification through the Emergency Management Association of Texas. All of these tools will allow me to succeed in the field of Emergency Management in the future. If you have any questions about the University of North Texas Emergency Administration and Planning degree program, feel free to contact me.

Molly McFadden

Emergency Preparedness Manager

North Central Texas Council of Governments

Arlington, TX

EADP got me the job, MPA got me promoted!

S. Shane Stovall, CEM
Director, Emergency Management and Homeland Security
City of Plano, Texas

I graduated from the Emergency Administration and Planning (EADP) Program at the University of North Texas in December 1995. While in the program, I took a wide variety of classes relating to disaster mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. I also participated in a case studies class, as well as an internship, which allowed me to get a practical application of emergency management theory before graduating from UNT. Now that I am 13 years removed from the program, I look back and can certainly say that the EADP program at the University of North Texas provided me a solid foundational knowledge base to start my career in Emergency Management.

While I was in the program, and afterwards, I remained in touch with professors from the EADP program. The staff and the program structure for the EADP program at UNT continually strive to remain current with the continual changes that emergency managers face on a day-to-day basis, as well as not lose sight of the foundational principles of emergency management at both the domestic and international levels. The EADP staff also work to mentor students as they build their emergency management foundations so that they can fulfill their goals of becoming successful emergency managers in the public sector, private sector, or volunteer sector.

I would recommend the UNT EADP program to any student who is interested in becoming involved in Emergency Management as a profession. UNT is located in Denton, Texas, which is also the home of FEMA Region VI. UNT also has many EADP Alumni in the Dallas / Fort Worth Metroplex. These advantages allow for great partnerships, and the opportunities to learn from, and network with Subject Matter Experts at the local and federal levels of government, as well as with the private sector. If you have any doubt, pay them a visit, or give them a call....I think you'll like what you find.

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I graduated with a Bachelors of Science from the University of North Texas - Emergency Administration and Planning (EADP) program in May 2003. Upon graduation, I was immediately hired into the Private Sector where I began a career in Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity. The EADP program provided me the knowledge that corporations were looking for in order to keep their business up to the standards that are placed upon them by federal regulations.

The required courses touched on all aspects of emergency management, ranging from natural disaster to a data center disaster. The EADP professors were an immeasurable contribution to my success. They were always available, and often shared their own personal experiences of real-life disaster.

As a member of several professional Emergency Management associations in the DFW area, I consistently run into other EADP grads. We are a close knit community that has provided the opportunity for networking as well as friendship. I would very highly recommend the EADP program at the University of North Texas.

Missy Bueltel
Emergency Services Specialist
American Red Cross

My interest in completing my degree at University of North Texas in Emergency Management Disaster Planning, (EADP) stemmed from my involvement with disaster response at the local chapter of the American Red Cross. I had began a degree many years ago and transferred in quite a few hours. This precluded me from partaking of many of the EADP electives that would have allowed me to become more specialized in the field. My advice to students interested in a career in the Emergency Management field would be to apprentice or intern with an organization during their freshman and sophomore years. This will facilitate in affirming where their passion lies and provide working experience. This would allow them to specialize in a particular area by selecting elective courses that will better qualify them for employment after graduation. The field is tremendously broad and jobs are difficult to find without experience. Whether HazMat, Wildfire Management, Planning, or Environmental Mitigation lights your fire, students would benefit by taking supporting courses. The EADP department at UNT is blessed with gifted professors and the planned addition of a functional EOC for hands on experience places their program among the best in the country. Thanks you for the opportunity to share lessons learned from my educational experience.