

Certified Hospital Emergency Coordinator Training Program

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Program Rationale and Development

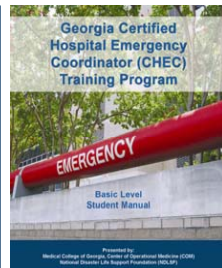
Hospital emergency management is an integral part of disaster preparedness, but there have been few efforts to standardize the field. In 2005, the state of Georgia realized this deficit, and it developed the Certified Hospital Emergency Coordinator (CHEC) program.

The goal of CHEC is to provide students with the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to manage hospital emergencies such as natural disasters, terrorism, disease outbreaks, and man-made disasters.

To standardize the curriculum, Georgia assembled an advisory committee comprised of hospital emergency coordinators and members of public health and academia. Two CHEC courses were created based on the essential tasks identified by the committee – Basic Course and the Level II: Plans and Exercises Course.

Program Success

To date, the Georgia CHEC Program has certified more than 120 Hospital Emergency Coordinators from varying backgrounds and experience levels. The CHEC program's fundamentals enable it to be adapted and applied nationwide. To develop your state-specific CHEC program, email ophem@mcg.edu.



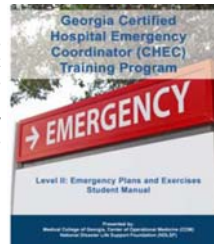
Basic Course Units

Hospital Preparedness Program
Emergency Management Overview
Federal, State, and Local:

The Process When Disaster Strikes
NIMS/ICS/HICS
Regulations and Standards
CHEC Roles and Integrated Response
Gaining Support for the EOP
Prerequisites for EOP Creation:
Hazard Identification and Assessment
The Emergency Operations Plan
Emergency Communications and
the Hospital Command Center

Level II Course Units

EOP Basics
Plan Development
Annexes and Appendices
Plan Implementation
Evaluating Plans for Quality
Exercises



Levels of Certification

Level I:

CHEC Basic Course
IS-1 Emergency Manager
IS-100.HC (or IS-100) Introduction to ICS
IS-200.HC (or IS-200) Applying ICS to HCOs
IS-700 NIMS
IS-800b National Response Framework

Level II:

CHEC Level I
Level II: Emergency Plans and Exercises Course
IS-120.A An Introduction to Exercises
IS-235 Emergency Planning

Level III:

CHEC Level II
Basic Disaster Life Support™ (BDLS®)
Advanced Disaster Life Support™ (ADLS®)
Core or National Disaster Life Support-Decon™ (CDLS®/NDLS-D®)
12 months cumulative experience as a HEC

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