

**Fundamentals of Disaster Mental Health Practice for Healthcare
DMH-FundHC-BP1X**

Course Goals:

- The NYS Office of Mental Health has developed the Fundamentals of Disaster Mental Health Practice as a core curriculum for training for mental health workers interested in providing mental health assistance to survivors of disaster.

Learning Objectives:

- Explore the key phases of disaster response and the roles assumed by mental health professionals
- Identify the range of psychological and psychosocial reactions that individuals experience in the aftermath of disasters and the range of early phase mental health interventions suitable to address these reactions
- Learn and Practice the skills of early intervention following disaster
- Understand the key mechanisms of assignment preparation, mobilization, deployment, and transition home

Target Audience:

This course is targeted to healthcare individuals interested in broadening their knowledge of Disaster Mental Health intervention or in becoming a certified as a DMH Responder.

OMH DMH Responder certificate requires completion of this course and must have one or more of the following:

Advanced degree in a mental health field, or Registered Nurse with psychiatric experience, or Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor (CASAC) licensure.

NOTE: Non-DMH Responders will not receive credentials to respond to a disaster for mental health support

Instructors:

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Training Date/Location:

May 02, 2019 @ 8:30am - 4:30pm (Lunch On Own)
Rochester Psychiatric Center- Office of Mental Health
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Pre-Course Materials:

Each participant must complete a review of Psychological First Aid and the Disaster Characteristics Self Study Guide in advance of participation and bring proof of completion to the course:

- Psychological First Aid (PFA) - this training is available on-line via the LMS. Click link or search course catalog for **PFA100.A**
- **Disaster Characteristics Self Study guide**

NOTE: Eligible/Qualified Mental Health Providers interested in becoming a OMH DMH Responder must complete an **OMH DMH Responder Application**. Applications should be submitted to: dmhomh@omh.ny.gov

How to Register:

To register for Fundamentals of Disaster Mental Health Practice for Healthcare training please click <https://www.nylearnsph.com> and search course catalog for: **DMH-FundHC-BP1X**

Questions Regarding LMS:

Direct questions to edlearn@health.ny.gov or call 518-474-2893

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