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Incident Command Systems
Leadership
Epidemiology/Surveillance

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Learning Management System (G-TRAIN)
CD-ROM Production
Graduate Education
Distance-Based Instruction
Case Studies

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Conflict Resolution
Rural Preparedness
Distance Learning
Public Health Polling
Disparities

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Public health law
Epidemiology
Risk and crisis communication
Incident command system
Crisis leadership
Mental health
Mass casualty management

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Special needs of rural public health professionals and populations
Distance - learning expertise and capability (e.g., on-line coursework, satellite broadcasts, Web streaming, etc.)

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Risk assessment
Chemical/radiological

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Infectious disease control
Microbiology laboratory
Environmental health/safety
Mass/media communication

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Nursing

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Specialty Areas:

Competency framework for core and cross-cutting competencies
On-line competency-based course curriculum and design
Design and support features for customized competency-based Learning Management Systems
Competency-based certification and credentialing frameworks and programs

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Rural infrastructure

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Chemical and radiological issues
Communication systems
Mental health

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Public Health Law
Psychosocial impact of bioterrorism
Risk communication/media relations
Surveillance/epidemiology

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Outbreak Detection and Response
Learning/Training Management Systems
Distance Learning
Evaluation

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Specialty Areas:

Psychological dimensions of terrorism
Crisis counseling
Southwestern cultural issues
Water system security

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Public health leadership development

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Crisis Counseling
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Rural and Border Preparedness issues

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Rural populations
Pharmacy practice and laboratory operations

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Emory University
[Southeastern Center for Emerging Biological Threats](#)

The Southeastern Center for Emerging Biologic Threats (SECEBT) is a partnership among leading research institutions and public health programs throughout the Southeast to combat biologic agents with increasing potential for harm. Administered by Emory University, SECEBT addresses biologic threat agents by consolidating resources in areas such as basic research; vaccine development; pathogen surveillance; biomedical engineering; pharmacology; veterinary medicine; food safety; clinical recognition and treatment; and communication with and training of scientists and health professionals.

With these resources, SECEBT is developing new means of detecting, combating and preventing biologic threats, whether purposefully caused, as from terrorism, or from naturally

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Georgetown University/ Johns Hopkins University
[Center for Law and the Public's Health](#)

Founded in October 2000 with support from the CDC, the Center for Law and the Public's Health is a primary, national resource on public health law, ethics, and policy for public health practitioners, lawyers, legislators, policy-maker, and others. The Center enhances the visibility and effectiveness of law as a public health tool by: (1) Improving existing public health law training programs and developing new offerings, including core legal competencies for public health professionals, to effectively deliver legal training to public health audiences through established channels; (2) Conducting legal research and analysis in targeted areas relevant to public health through state-of-the-art assessments on selected public health law topics; (3) Developing, with the assistance of multiple public and private sector partners, innovative public health law tools and model laws; (4) Promoting communication and collaboration among public health interest groups and organization across the nation; and (5) Serving as an interactive resource for practical and scholarly information on public health law.

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Iowa State University
[Center for Food Security and Public Health](#)

The Center for Food Security and Public Health (CFSPH) in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State University was founded in July 2002 with support from the CDC. The CFSPH became a Specialty Center in Public Health Preparedness (S-CPHPs) in August 2003. The Center integrates veterinary medicine and expertise in zoonotic diseases and public health with the ongoing activities and needs of the CDC. We are located in Ames, Iowa, with one of the largest concentrations of animal health specialists in the world. In the past year, the CFSPH has worked to increase national preparedness for accidental or intentional introduction of disease agents which threaten food production or public health. The Center's major activities include awareness education on bioterrorism, zoonotic diseases, and agroterrorism, and formation of the Public Health Auxiliary Support Team for Emergency Response (PHASTER). The Center also works to increase the number of veterinarians with MPH degrees and organizes scientific conferences related to zoonotic and agroterrorism issues.

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**New York University
School of Medicine**

The New York University School of Medicine program focuses on a model educational program to teach the psychosocial aspects of bioterrorism preparedness and response, the need for which was made evident by the events of 9/121 and the subsequent anthrax attack. The model program was developed as either a half-day and a full-day workshop, using an evidence-based review of the literature and local, state, and national expert opinion coordinated by collaborator panels, as the basis for developing a modular, partially Web-based curriculum targeted initially to practicing physicians in New York State. Curriculum design is based on approaches demonstrated to most effectively change physician knowledge, skills, and attitudes, emphasizing experiential skills building case-based activities with feedback and practice. The half-day workshop is available in CD-ROM format.

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**Northern Arizona University
Center for the Study of Dangerous Pathogens**

The dangerous pathogens center at Northern Arizona University is involved in the molecular epidemiological and forensic tracking of bacterial biothreat agents and public health training related to these agents. Over the next 12 months, work is continuing on genetic typing strains of B. anthracis, Y. pestis, F. tularensis, Brucella sp., Burkholderia sp., E. coli, and various other food-borne pathogens.

This work requires security, biohazard control, analysis of genomes, development of molecular diagnostic assays and database construction. Molecular assay validation and standardization for transfer to government laboratories will be addressed, as well as development and dissemination of other model practices related to biosafety and public health security infrastructure.

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**St. Louis University
[Center for the Deterrence of Bioterrorism and Emerging Infections](#)**

The Center for the Study of Bioterrorism and Emerging Infections (CSB&EI) at Saint Louis University School of Public Health was established in 2000. Its original mission was bioterrorism preparedness, but expanded in 2002 to encompass all hazards. The Center's mission is to better prepare the United States to meet the threat of biological, chemical, nuclear, and conventional terrorism through developing, testing, and delivering curricular and instructional material to healthcare, public health agencies, first responders, civic leaders, and the public. The Center has been very successful in establishing key partnerships in healthcare and public health on a national, state, and local level, and has developed close relationships with a variety of federal agencies including the CDC and the Federal Bureau of Investigation; professional organizations such as the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, the American Medical Association, the American Dental Association, state and local public health departments, and healthcare facilities throughout the region. The Center has initiated numerous bioterrorism research projects and continues to publish and present the data findings in peer-reviewed journals and at national conferences. A major goal of the CSB&EI is to develop and distribute material in the fastest manner possible in a form that can be easily updated through the Internet. All training material is reviewed by a panel of experts and is based on disaster preparedness and bioterrorism competencies. The CSB&EI has developed five educational CD-ROMs on biological and chemical terrorism preparedness.

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**Texas A & M, Texas Engineering Extension Service,
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The National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center (NERRTC) designs, develops, delivers, and distributes weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and terrorism incident training, through courses, exercises, and technical assistance for local, state, and federal emergency responders. The target audiences include health and medical professionals who participate in an integrated response to a WMD event and care for casualties and victims. The three-day course uses various learning methods, including lectures, small group discussions, participant activities, case studies, table-top exercises, real-time medical treatment feedback using patient simulators, and field exercises.

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**Thomas Jefferson University Hospital
Center for Bioterrorism and Disaster Preparedness**

The mission of the Thomas Jefferson University Hospital Center for Bioterrorism and Disaster Education, Training and Preparedness is to enhance the capability of Philadelphia and its surrounding counties to respond to threats to homeland security involving nuclear, chemical, or biological weapons of mass destruction, as well as conventional explosive devices resulting in

mass casualties.

The activities of this Specialty Center in Public Health Preparedness include education and training for first responders and hospital personnel, facility customization to increase surge capacity, equipment and supplies, research support, and laboratory upgrades for bioterrorism preparedness.

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University of Findlay
[Center for Terrorism Preparedness](#)

The Center for Terrorism Preparedness (CTP) at the University of Findlay was initiated in June of 1999. It is a multifaceted education, training and consulting services program, emphasizing a hands-on, practical approach. It focuses on an all-hazard perspective, as well as a fully integrated approach to the prevention, preparation, response and recovery to not only acts of terrorism, but natural disasters, accidents, and hazardous materials spills. The communities that the CTP serves include the public health/medical community, first responders, law enforcement, school safety and security officials, and corporate safety and security personnel. From an all-hazards perspective, the CTP deals with chemical, radiological, biological, and conventional weapons involved in terrorism incidents.

Since its inception, the CTP has developed over 50 training courses, developed training aids such as a bioterrorism wall chart and Terrorism in Schools CD-ROM. CTP has received federal funding for building a state-of-the-art indoor training facility called the Actual Learning Environmental Response Training Center.

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University of Georgia
[Center for Leadership in Education and Applied Research in Mass Destruction Defense](#)
(CLEARMADD)

One of the most critical steps in preparing for large-scale Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) attacks is the education and training of the health care professionals involved in responding to the mass casualties that would be expected. In the second year of funding for the UGA CLEARMADD, as one of the CDC Specialty Centers for Public Health Preparedness, the University of Georgia and the Medical College of Georgia continue their work in curriculum development, research, and training to meet this critical need. With a focus on the specialty

areas of pharmacy, emergency medicine, and veterinary medicine, CLEARMADD works with the other CDC Public Health Preparedness Centers to develop a coordinated training program for standardizing WMD healthcare nationwide. Specifically, a model program, the Basic Disaster Life Support (BDLS) curricula, will be further developed for hands-on training in the specialty areas of pharmacy and emergency medicine for existing practitioners and students that will have to deal with the consequences of WMD events. The American Medical Association (AMA) has picked the BDLS as their choice for a national standard for WMD medical training and will be a partner in this.

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University of Louisville
[Center for the Deterrence of Biowarfare and Bioterrorism](#)

Bioterrorism preparedness involves deterrence, communication, detection, and control. These four functions are information-intensive, involving knowledge, surveillance, planning, and response, starting immediately with notification. This means knowledge support in real-time and at the point-of-care. By establishing a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Cooperation and Prevention, the University of Louisville Center for the Deterrence of Biowarfare and Bioterrorism will:

1. Provide course offerings on bioterrorism response for health care providers, including simulations and discipline-specific materials;
2. Provide training for emergency room personnel and clinical laboratorians that will enable the early detection of a bioterrorist attack;
3. Develop training modules, including distance education modules, for health providers as first responders to bioterrorism events;
4. Develop advanced integrated information management systems for disease surveillance;
5. Develop communications methods to include extended metropolitan and rural regions to facilitate early recognition and coordinate responses to bioterrorism events; and
6. Develop outcomes measurements and evaluations of processes and interventions

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University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Clinical Simulation Center

Optimal education and training for rare occurrences, such as weapons of mass destruction attacks, present unique challenges. High-fidelity simulations of disaster scenarios provide a rich training and educational milieu.

The University of Michigan Clinical Simulation Center will use the CAVE (a high-resolution, computer-generated, synthesized audio-visual environment) to develop virtual disaster scenarios for training of emergency room and first responder personnel. The ability to simulate the chaos of such situations and immerse trainees in high-fidelity representations will provide a powerful training tool for learning and practicing the decisions and skills required in handling disaster situations.

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