

Description

The ReadyRN Curriculum was authored and donated to the American Red Cross by Dr. Tener Goodwin Veenema, a leader in the field of disaster and emergency management. *Red Cross ReadyRN* was developed by Dr. Veenema in partnership with Disaster Health Services. It is an online curriculum consisting of 20 self-paced modules. The modules are consistent with the National Response Framework that provides interactive scenarios for Red Cross healthcare professionals to learn to manage healthcare needs in shelters, perform health assessments, disaster triage and respond to public health emergencies in communities across the nation.

Participants may choose to take one, several or all of the modules in the series. The modules may be taken in any order and are independent of each other. Participants must complete an evaluative assessment at the end of each module to receive a completion certificate.

Each *Red Cross ReadyRN* module qualifies for 0.2 CEU credit under the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) guidelines. More information on CEUs is located on the Continuing Education Units (CEU) pages of CrossNet.

The *Red Cross ReadyRN* modules are as follows:

Red Cross ReadyRN Module 1: Essentials of Disaster Planning (DSCLS271C)

Red Cross ReadyRN Module 2: Leadership and Coordination in Disaster Health Care System (DSCLS272C)

Red Cross ReadyRN Module 3: Understanding the Psychosocial Impact of Disasters (DSCLS273C)

Red Cross ReadyRN Module 4: Legal and Ethical Issues in Disaster Response (DSCLS274C)

Red Cross ReadyRN Module 5: Communication: The Role of the Media (DSCLS275C)

Red Cross ReadyRN Module 6: Natural Disasters (DSCLS276C)

Red Cross ReadyRN Module 7: Environmental Disasters and Emergencies (DSCLS277C)

Red Cross ReadyRN Module 8: Overview of Disaster Management (DSCLS278C)

Red Cross ReadyRN Module 9: Disaster Triage and Chemical Decontamination (DSCLS279C)

Red Cross ReadyRN Module 10: Restoring Public Health Under Disaster Conditions (DSCLS280C)

Red Cross ReadyRN Module 11: Managing Emergencies Outside the Hospital (DSCLS281C)

Red Cross ReadyRN Module 12: Management of Psychosocial Effects (DSCLS282C)

Red Cross ReadyRN Module 13: Unique Needs of Children During Disasters and Other Public Health Emergencies (DSCLS283C)

Red Cross ReadyRN Module 14: Shelter Nursing (DSCLS284C)

Red Cross ReadyRN Module 15: Biological and Chemical Terrorism: A Unique Threat (DSCLS285C)

Red Cross ReadyRN Module 16: Surveillance Systems for Bioterrorism (DSCLS286C)

Red Cross ReadyRN Module 17: Biological Agents of Concern (DSCLS287C)

Red Cross ReadyRN Module 18: Early Recognition and Detection of Biological Events (DSCLS288C)

Red Cross ReadyRN Module 19: Chemical Agents of Concern (DSCLS289C)

Red Cross ReadyRN Module 20: Radiological Incidents and Emergencies (DSCLS290C)

Purpose	The purpose of the curriculum is to provide Red Cross Disaster Health Services workers with the knowledge and skills to respond in a timely, safe and appropriate manner to various types of disasters including catastrophic events and public health emergencies.
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Learning Objectives	Upon completion of the modules, participants will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Describe the impact of different types of disasters.• Discuss principles of disaster planning and key preparedness actions during disasters.• Describe the partnership with Public Health throughout a disaster.• Define client and staff safety issues during a disaster.• Explain key ethical, cultural and legal issues associated with disaster situations.• Identify effective leadership and communication skills that are essential in disaster situations.• Employ strategies for effective collaboration with individuals and organizations involved in disaster.
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Audience	Employees and volunteers of the Red Cross in the healthcare profession who work, or have an interest in working with Disaster Health Services.
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Prerequisites	There are no prerequisites for these modules.
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Length Each module takes approximately one hour to complete.

Scheduling The *Red Cross ReadyRN* modules are available through the Red Cross Learning Management System 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

- Prospective students with an LMS student ID, should find the modules listed in their Disaster Course Catalog.
- Prospective students without an LMS student ID, should contact their chapter LMS administrator to obtain one, or to learn how to self-register through their chapter's LMS Response Site.
- Chapter administrators should ensure that newly registered students who need to access the course are assigned to the "CHAPTER" org in their LMS student record.
- For chapters that do not have an LMS Response Site, prospective students may still access the ReadyRN content by self-registering through the National Headquarters Disaster Response site at <https://learningctr.redcross.org/elms/pws/portal.do?siteID=Response>

For questions about the modules, please email DisasterTraining@usa.redcross.org.

Instructor Requirements Not applicable

Materials Because these are online modules, no materials are required.

Data Management The ReadyRN modules use the following LMS course codes

Module 1 - DSCLS271C	Module 11- DSCLS281C
Module 2 - DSCLS272C	Module 12- DSCLS282C
Module 3 - DSCLS273C	Module 13- DSCLS283C
Module 4 - DSCLS274C	Module 14- DSCLS284C
Module 5 - DSCLS275C	Module 15- DSCLS285C
Module 6 - DSCLS276C	Module 16- DSCLS286C
Module 7 - DSCLS277C	Module 17- DSCLS287C
Module 8 - DSCLS278C	Module 18- DSCLS288C
Module 9 - DSCLS279C	Module 19- DSCLS289C
Module 10-DSCLS280C	Module 20- DSCLS290C

- To enter course information for the Chapter Environment Resources System (CHERS), use the same codes listed above.
 - Disaster Services Human Resources (DSHR), use RRN.
(Note: Completion of all 20 modules is required for entry in the DSHR.)
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