

The Hesston College Disaster Management Program exists to develop leadership abilities in managing disaster response, emphasizing Christ-like service to socially vulnerable people.

Service

MDS Culture I:
What is MDS?
MDS Culture II:
Construction basics
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General Education

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Speech
Math
Computer
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Business
Communication

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Leadership
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Leadership Development

Disaster Response and Recovery

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START HERE, GO EVERYWHERE

Reflections on the Disaster Management Program

Brett Troyer, from Shickley, Nebraska, was the first Disaster Management graduate in May of 2006, earning a one-year Disaster Management certificate. Here Brett explains what he has been doing since graduation:



Since graduation, I've served almost six months with Mennonite Disaster Service, ten weeks of which was in the summer with the Hesston College Disaster Management program and another thirteen weeks this last spring after a semester at Goshen College in Indiana. I worked with contractors from across the United States and Canada. And most recently I have begun the Building Construction Technology program at Southeast Community College in Milford, Nebraska.

I've found that the Disaster Management certificate has allowed me to do things that I really love, such as working with my hands and working directly with people in need. I also feel it has been important to the development of my Christian faith through the opportunities of service, meeting new people, building relationships, working with and learning about the church and my Mennonite heritage. But in all honesty, the Disaster Management program is a terrific springboard for anything you are interested in. I've been able to pursue a career in the trades while my other friends in the program have been able to transfer into four-year programs at universities. I see my time at Hesston and in the Disaster Management program as one of the first steps in the path of a successful Christian life.



Amanda Koch, from Colorado Springs, Colorado, graduated from Hesston College in May 2008 with an A.A. degree and a Disaster Management certificate. She reflected on her experience at Hesston College:

My time in the Disaster Management program at Hesston College has certainly been one of growth. The past two years have meant so much to me academically, socially, spiritually, and emotionally. I know without a doubt I am not the same person I was when I came to Hesston. This is due to so many different things, like my friends, my professors, my neighbors, my classes, and all kinds of experiences. Of course being in the DM program was a large part of that, because it forced me to turn my attention away from myself and my Hesston College experience to the world around me. Constantly it reminded me that I am part of a bigger, better world. The program helped bring me here to experience service in a whole new, tangible way. It allowed me to live out part of my passion to help other people in a much more real way than I had expected, and far exceeded my hopes.