

What is CAEMHSE?

Incorporation

The Council for the Accreditation of Emergency Management Education is a 501(c)(4) non-profit, educational association. **We are now doing business as (dba) the Council for the Accreditation of Emergency Management & Homeland Security Education, or CAEMHSE**

Purpose

The CAEMHSE will foster and promote quality emergency management and homeland security education through the assessment and accreditation of higher education programs in emergency management and homeland security.

Mission

To serve the emergency management and homeland security communities by promoting the highest academic standards for educational institutions, through an accreditation program that ensures high quality curriculum and instruction, and continually advances the quality of education within the field.

Vision

To advance, endorse, and facilitate quality emergency management and homeland security higher education through an evaluative accrediting process that will strengthen and contribute to the emergency management and homeland security professions, and promote public and community safety, security, and resilience.

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Introduction

Accreditation is a non-governmental, non-profit, self-regulatory, peer-review process based on rigorous standards. Accreditation of educational programs demonstrates the academic institution's agreement to provide a legitimate and valuable product to the student. The accreditation process allows an external, impartial review of the educational program by experienced professionals in the field.

It is the mission of the Council for the Accreditation of Emergency Management & Homeland Security Education (CAEMHSE) to:

- improve the quality of education in the fields of emergency management and homeland security
- increase professionalism
- foster accountability
- offer to the education community a professional assessment of emergency management and homeland security educational programs of higher education in accordance with accepted standards

The Process

1. CAEMHSE Membership (or) Assessment Application (which will include membership)
2. Self-Assessment/Self-Study
3. Site Visit (Initial & 10-yr)
4. Assessment Report:
 - a. Accreditation
 - b. Conditional Accreditation
 - c. Re-accreditation

Scope

The CAEMHSE accreditation process uses standards developed by the Emergency Management Higher and Homeland Security Educational communities, as developed over many years, and described in articles and documents at <https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/emcompetencies.aspx> and <http://insprs.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Journal-of-Homeland-Security-and-Emergency-Management-Development-of-Competency-Based-Education-Standards-for-Homeland-Security-Academic-Programs.pdf>

These standards are voluntary for degree program accreditation, and are applicable to degree programs that are face-to-face (sometimes referred to as brick and mortar institutions), blended/hybrid, and wholly online.

The CAEMHSE is able to assess and accredit associate's, bachelor's, and master's degree programs for emergency management and for homeland security programs.

The program assessment can be conducted (**NEW OPTIONS!**) virtually, or with one assessor visiting campus, or with a 3-person team visiting. The fee schedule is at TAB A in the CAEMHSE *Guide to Emergency Management & Homeland Security Education Accreditation Assessment* (15 September 2020), at www.caemhse.education/information

See also the CAEMHSE *Self-Study Guide for Accreditation* (15 Sep 20).

Membership Types

Academic Program Membership

An academic institution interested in supporting the mission of the CAEMHSE, or beginning the Assessment and Accreditation process (\$100/yr.)

Accredited Program Membership

An Emergency Management or Homeland Security (or related) program at an academic institution offering associate, bachelor's, master's and/or doctoral academic credit or credentials, accredited by the CAEMHSE (\$500/yr., \$100 per additional program)

Individual Membership

An individual member is defined as any person, from any field, with an interest in emergency management and homeland security credentialing, and who agrees to support the mission of the CAEMHSE (\$25/yr.)

Government and Corporate Membership and Sponsorship

Government or Corporate members shall be companies, corporations, consulting firms, contractors, emergency management departments or offices in government, and other entities which are major sources of employment of emergency management graduates, and which support the mission of the CAEMHSE. (Membership \$100/yr. Contact the CAEMHSE President for sponsorship information.)