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## **Public Health Foundation's TRAIN Learning Network Re-launches Pacific EMPRINTS Emergency Preparedness and Response Courses**

Healthcare professionals regained access to essential emergency preparedness and response online courses today with support from the Public Health Foundation (PHF) and its TRAIN Learning Network. The trainings from the Pacific EMPRINTS program, led by Dr. Ann Sakaguchi at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa (UHM), in partnership with San Diego State University's Institute for Public Health (SDSU IPH), were re-launched after a 10 month absence. The courses are now available to more than 1.75 million learners on the TRAIN Learning Network at [www.TRAIN.org](http://www.TRAIN.org).

Due to a technology issue in 2017, the courses were suddenly inaccessible despite their popularity. The online program had nearly 90,000 participants from all 50 states and 110 countries at the time of the malfunction.

The Pacific EMPRINTS distance learning offerings were designed to train the busy healthcare professional in various aspects of emergency preparedness and response by providing a free online resource. Today, the courses are newly enhanced, and still available at no cost to public health, healthcare, behavioral health, preparedness, and other health professionals through TRAIN. More than 97% of content on TRAIN is free to learners.

Among the new features behind-the-scenes are software updates compatible with the latest technology and a modernized platform with extra security features. 80 of the nearly 100 Pacific EMPRINTS courses are now arranged by topic and offered to learners as 31 new and separate certificates under the following topical areas of: Bioterrorism, Chemical Terrorism, Disaster Mental Health, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Infectious Diseases, Medical Reserve Corps, Natural Disasters, Radiological/Nuclear/Explosive Threats and Vulnerable Populations.

A certificate of completion is available upon successful completion of the Pacific EMPRINTS courses at no cost. Nursing CEUs, CHES®-CECHs, and/or MCHES®-CECHs certificates are also available at a nominal fee.

The long-time partnership started back in September 2005 when Pacific EMPRINTS, the *Pacific Emergency Management, Preparedness, and Response Information Network and Training Services*, was established after being awarded \$4.14 million in federal funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services

Administration (HRSA). The San Diego State University's Institute for Public Health was one of the key partners on this HRSA project.

To learn more about Pacific EMPRINTS, visit <http://iph.sdsu.edu/UHM-PacificEMPRINTS>.

To enroll in the online courses, prospective learners can visit the TRAIN Learning Network: [https://www.train.org/main/search?type=course&cp\\_organization\\_id=428](https://www.train.org/main/search?type=course&cp_organization_id=428).

## ABOUT PACIFIC EMPRINTS

Since 2005, Pacific EMPRINTS at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa is committed to offering a continuing education program designed specifically for medical, public health and first responder personnel. Courses were developed to help meet the core competencies of the trainees' respective fields and aligned, whenever applicable, with National Training Strategies.

In addition, Core Competencies for Teaching Emergency Preparedness to Health Profession Students and Clinical Personnel and/or Core Competencies for Health Education Specialists, are in part, fulfilled by these courses.

## ABOUT IPH AT SDSU

Established in 1992, the San Diego State University Institute for Public Health (IPH) serves as a bridge between the public health academic community and public health practice.

The mission of the IPH is to improve health by promoting best practices through quality evaluation, training, technology, practice-based research, and effective partnerships that bridge academic and community knowledge.

IPH envisions a world that values a safer, healthier life for all people.

## ABOUT TRAIN LEARNING NETWORK

TRAIN is a national learning network that provides thousands of quality training opportunities to more than 1.75 million professionals who protect and improve the public's health.

Powered by the Public Health Foundation (PHF), the TRAIN Learning Network brings together agencies and organizations in the public health, healthcare, behavioral health, preparedness, and other health professionals to disseminate, track, and share trainings for the health workforce on a centralized training platform.

Learn more at [www.phf.org/train](http://www.phf.org/train).