
Disaster Instructor Specialty Training
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Description	<p><i>Disaster Instructor Specialty Training</i> (DIST) is an advanced level, instructor-led course designed to enhance and refine the presentation skills of instructor candidates for basic level disaster courses.</p> <p>This learning experience consists of a series of brief presentations and interactive discussions focused on the instructional techniques, course structure and delivery methods required to meet the diverse learning needs of participants attending disaster courses. Instructor candidates will enhance their skills through practice teaching in a model classroom environment with feedback and coaching provided by qualified DIST instructors.</p>
Purpose	<p>The purpose of this course is to prepare knowledgeable and experienced Disaster Services workers to teach basic-level disaster courses.</p>
Learning Objectives	<p>After completion of this course, participants will be able to—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify the teaching methods used in training settings and explain how each can be most successful.• Interpret and instruct from the design of Disaster Services courses.• Explain the role of the Disaster Training System.
Audience	<p>Employees and volunteers and of the Red Cross with disaster relief experience within the Red Cross and a demonstrated ability to work effectively in group settings.</p>
Prerequisites	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Fundamentals of Instruction and Facilitation</i> (self-study)• Completion of the basic course that the candidate intends to teach.• Operational knowledge and experience in the subject of the course the candidate intends to teach to convey the concepts, principles and procedures.
Length	<p>This is a two-day course, including lunches and breaks. Attendance of the entire course is required to earn a course certificate.</p>
Scheduling	<p>The recommended class size is a minimum of eight and a maximum of sixteen participants. It is at the discretion of sponsoring units to offer the course to more than sixteen participants.</p>
Instructor Requirements	<p>A team of two authorized, advanced disaster instructors teaches this advanced-level course. Instructors must be familiar with current disaster operational guidance and agreements made by the Red Cross with other agencies that provide disaster relief.</p>

Participant Materials

Left side:

- [Participant Reaction Form \(F5898B\)](#)
- [Instructor's Self Assessment and Development \(F5898J\)](#)
- [Planning Checklist \(F5898K\)](#)

Right side:

- [Disaster Instructor Specialty Training Participant Materials](#) (revised June 2009)
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Instructor Materials

- *Disaster Instructor Specialty Training* Instructor Manual (revised June 2009)
- 6-10 copies of the following instructor manuals and participant workbooks or materials needed for participants to conduct two practice teaching assignments:
 - [Disaster Services: An Overview](#)
 - [Shelter Operations](#)
 - [Client Casework: Providing Emergency Assistance](#)
 - [Disaster Assessment Basics](#)
- PowerPoint presentations associated with the courses listed above
- Computer and LCD projector
- Several copies of [Fundamentals of Facilitation and Instruction](#) Participant Workbook (for participants who forget to bring their copy)
- Name tags or name tents
- Newsprint paper and easel
- Newsprint markers
- Masking tape (blued)
- Sticky notes
- Class roster
- Course certificates (one per participant)

Note:

The instructor manual and participant workbook are available on CrossNet. Printed copies are also available from the DocStore. Materials are designed to be printed double-sided, black and white.

Questions or comments concerning this course or its materials, please send an email to: DisasterTraining@usa.redcross.org

Data Management

To enter course information:

- Learning Management System (LMS), use DIS000021