



The **Mountain West Preparedness & Response Learning Center** offers the *Introduction to Public Health Preparedness Series* that was designed to provide Tier I public health professionals with the foundation necessary to understand public health's role in emergency preparedness, response, and recovery.

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The **Introduction to Public Health Preparedness Series** was created in 2005 by the Arizona Center for Public Health Preparedness (AZCPHP), the predecessor of the Mountain West Preparedness and Emergency Response Learning Center (MWPERLC). It was designed to provide an overview for public health professionals new to the field of emergency preparedness, planning, and response. While the information presented was current as of 2005, some of the terminology and policies have undergone subsequent changes and refinement.

None the less, the materials provide a strong foundation for gaining the skills and perspective needed to understand how best public health practices are integral to the creation of policies endorsed by the emergency preparedness community. The introductory series contains four courses. They are:

- Introduction to Public Health;
- Emergency Preparedness Planning;
- Emergency Response Systems; and,
- Public Health Threats in the Southwest.

Upon completion of these courses, the student will be prepared for more in-depth study of the topics covered in the four Public Health Readiness Series: Emergency Management; Mass Care; Medical Countermeasures; and, Functional Needs and Psychosocial Support.