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# Preparing for Disaster Response: A Collaborative Partnership

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#### **Partnership**

**Drexel University** College of Nursing and **Health Professions** And American Red Cross – South Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter









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- Assist the American Red Cross in building a community of potential health services volunteers







#### Partnership Includes

Community / Public Health
 Nursing Course







#### **Course Content**

- Emergency preparedness
- Disaster response
- Mass casualty care
- Shelter operations
- Terror cells
- Chemical and biological warfare agents
- Decontamination
- Sheltering in place
- Family / Community Disaster Plans





Held at the
 American Red Cross
 local chapter headquarters







- Students receive American Red Cross disaster health services training
  - Same training as the ARC volunteers







- American Red Cross Volunteer Training
  - Emergency Services VolunteerOrientation/Simulation
  - Overview of the American Red Cross
  - Introduction to Disaster
  - Mass Care Overview
  - Client Casework
  - Shelter Operations
  - Health Services Response
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  - Foundations of Disaster Mental Health





Orientation andSimulationTraining





- Case Scenario Review
  - Tabletop exercises



#### **Outcomes**

- Student satisfaction
- Faculty satisfaction
- Positive experience stimulates students to participate in volunteer opportunities in the community on a regular basis
- Several nursing students have signed up to volunteer after graduation



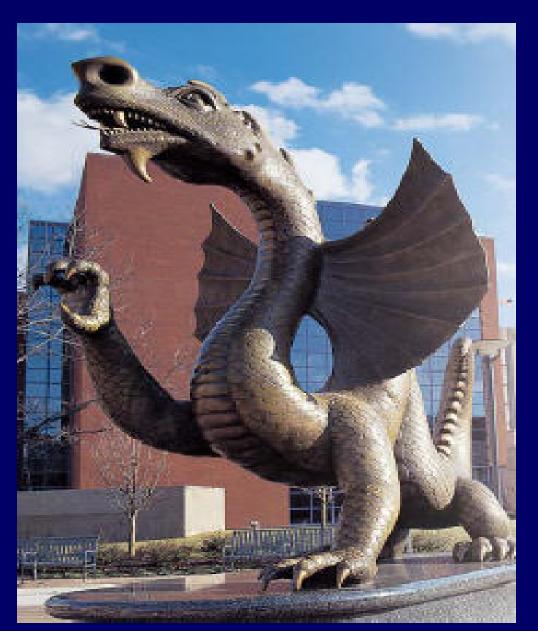


#### **Future**

- Incorporate content and experience into other nursing programs
- Include American Red Cross (ARC) as part of the larger picture International Red Cross and global concerns
- Develop student relationships with the RN's who volunteer at the ARC



## Questions?







# Thank you!

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