

National Disaster Preparedness Training Center (NDPTC)



The National Disaster Preparedness Training Center is the only member of the NDPC to focus primarily on natural hazards. Uniquely positioned geographically and culturally, the National Disaster Preparedness Training Center at the University of Hawaii works collaboratively to develop and deliver training and education in the areas of disaster preparedness, response, and recovery to governmental, private, tribal, and non-profit entities. Combining urban planning and environmental management, the NDPTC addresses the needs of vulnerable at-risk populations, particularly the challenges faced by coastal and island communities.

The NDPTC is focused on building community resiliency: the capacity to absorb shock, to recover quickly, and to learn from catastrophic events so that our communities are better prepared and strengthened against damage from future events. This involves all sectors in the community, from front-line responders and emergency managers to those involved in applied scientific research related to the identification of hazards and risks and the design and engineering of mitigation and adaptation strategies through both in-service, functional training venues as well as for those pursuing formal academic credentials in disaster management.