



# Bachelor of Science in Fire and Emergency Management

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

## A Degree That Could Help You Lead

As a current or aspiring fire service or emergency medical services (EMS) professional, you are a natural leader. A bachelor's degree from Kaplan University could help you gain the knowledge to pursue the leadership positions you want.<sup>1</sup> Kaplan University's degree program is closely based on the Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education (FESHE) curriculum model. Using this model, students have the opportunity to study the management and administrative practices of the industry. Additionally, Kaplan University's flexible online schedules allow industry professionals to study virtually anytime, anywhere, and user-friendly technology helps students navigate at their own pace.

## Protecting Society Is More Than a Career; It's a Calling

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences offers a wide breadth of graduate and undergraduate academic programs designed to develop professionals, leaders, and change agents in fields that make a difference in response to human and societal causes, issues, and needs. These fields are critical to service in our communities.

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# The Fire Service Industry Needs Educated Leaders.

Increasingly, first responders are expected to have strong professional credentials. In fact, departments may require candidates for positions higher than battalion chief to hold a bachelor's degree in fire science or a related field in order to be considered for promotion.<sup>2</sup>

Aspiring fire service or EMS professionals may experience tough competition for positions; however, individuals with a postsecondary firefighter education, in addition to high test scores and paramedic training, are expected to have the best prospects.<sup>2</sup>



## You Could Move Into Management With a Bachelor's Degree.

A Bachelor of Science in Fire and Emergency Management could help open the doors to a variety of leadership roles in the fire service industry. These management-level positions may be available to only those with a bachelor's degree.<sup>2</sup>

Graduates of the fire and emergency management program could pursue a career in these areas:

- City emergency program management
- City emergency planning
- Risk management
- Fire department (in a management role)

### Possible Career Opportunities and Day-to-Day Activities:<sup>1</sup>

- **Emergency management program manager/director**—Lead cities through comprehensive emergency planning and management. Assist in response to and recovery from natural, man-made, and accidental incidents.
- **Emergency management planner**—Provide emergency planning and coordination in a city environment while preserving life, resolving incidents, limiting loss, and conserving property. Ensure the continuity of city operations and government during an emergency.
- **Risk management**—Manage life safety service activities including planning and directing safety compliance and training programs and coordinating inspections. Manage staff, including environmental health and safety specialists, and fire alarm security technicians.
- **Fire department chief or manager**—Respond to emergency calls of all types, including structural fires, car crashes, and emergency rescue operations. Manage department staff during these and other situations. Fight fires and provide emergency, life-saving assistance as needed.

# Programs Designed for Leadership

Kaplan University's fire and emergency management program offers aspiring and current industry professionals a chance to enhance their knowledge of the field through the pursuit of a higher education degree. Our curriculum closely follows the FESHE national curriculum model and is national in scope, content, and outcomes, providing a national core of knowledge and competencies as suggested by FESHE. The program is developed by and for emergency services personnel. Kaplan University's bachelor's degree program is designed to provide first responders with a broad range of administrative and managerial knowledge, while preparing them for new challenges in the areas of human resources, technology, and fiscal responsibility.

## Over the Course of the Curriculum, Students Will Have the Opportunity to Study:

- Operational procedures at departmental, interagency, and city/district levels
- Human resource management, including personnel policies
- Fiscal responsibility, time management, and communication strategies in preparation for leadership roles
- Current information regarding fire and emergency services technology
- Occupational and life safety awareness
- Ethical and legal aspects of fire and emergency services

## Our Instructors Are Public Safety Professionals.

Kaplan University's faculty members have years of experience in the fields of criminal justice and firefighting. Many are working professionals who truly understand your career requirements and the challenges you face, and offer real-world perspectives you can respect.

### Program Detail

#### Bachelor of Science in Fire and Emergency Management

› Credit Hours: 180

### Accelerated Master's Degree Option

Interested in continuing on to pursue a graduate degree? Our flexible degree pathways allow you to work toward any of the following Kaplan University master's degrees while you earn your bachelor's degree:

- Master of Public Administration
- Master of Science in Human Services
- Master of Science in Legal Studies
- Master of Science in Psychology

Complete both your bachelor's degree and master's degree in less time and at a lower cost than completing both programs separately. Speak to an Education Advisor for more details upon enrollment in this bachelor's degree program.

## Here Is What an Industry Professional Had to Say

**Jake Rhoades**

› Assistant Fire Chief

“The fire service [industry] has been experiencing rapid changes, and the duties and responsibilities placed upon the individuals within each department must adapt and evolve to meet these new challenges. Formal education is critical to individual and departmental success in the future. A degree from Kaplan University could provide the formal education that an individual can immediately put to use in his/her department for the service of their community.”

Views and opinions stated herein are the individual's and not necessarily those of Kaplan University. Individual student schedules and experiences may vary. This testimonial was solicited by Kaplan University.

# Kaplan University—A Different School of Thought<sup>®</sup>

## We Stand Behind Our Academic Quality. Try Our Classes Before You Owe Any Tuition.

Kaplan University wants you to make an educated decision about your education. As a new student, the Kaplan Commitment<sup>SM</sup> gives you a chance to experience real classes before deciding if you will stay and pursue your studies. If you withdraw during the introductory period, you will have no financial obligation beyond the application fee.<sup>3</sup>

### Why Kaplan University?

Our programs are designed to offer you the freedom to grow and pursue your goals. We offer:

- Online classes that allow you to study virtually anytime, anywhere you have an Internet connection.
- Personal Advisors to help you select the courses to meet your goals.
- Reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, including Guard and Reserve, and veterans.
- A portfolio development course that could help translate your work and life experiences into college credit.<sup>4</sup>

### Other Programs

In addition to this program, Kaplan University also offers:

- Bachelor of Science in Fire Science
- Master of Science in Homeland Security and Emergency Management

### Note From the Dean

“The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences degree programs are created to meet the unique needs of students. Whether students are interested in the flexibility of creating their own degree plan, applying previously earned college credit to earn their degree faster, or starting a degree from the beginning, the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences focuses on the needs of adult students in pursuing their educational, career, and personal goals.”

*Sara Sander*

Dean and Vice President  
of the College of Social  
and Behavioral Sciences



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1 Kaplan University's programs are designed to prepare graduates to pursue the stated positions, which have varying responsibilities. However, Kaplan University cannot guarantee employment or career advancement. Additional fire academy training and education may be required. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary from organization to organization. Prior experience may be necessary for leadership positions.

2 Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, 2016-2017 Edition, Firefighters, on the Internet at [www.bls.gov/ooh/protective-service/firefighters.htm](http://www.bls.gov/ooh/protective-service/firefighters.htm). National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

3 Classes count toward a degree if satisfactorily completed. No credits are earned if the student withdraws during the introductory period (3 weeks for undergraduate students), which begins day one of the first term. Students who choose to continue their studies at the University will need to meet specific requirements. Graduate programs not included. Additional terms may apply to international and non-U.S. citizen students. For further information, see [catalog.kaplanuniversity.edu](http://catalog.kaplanuniversity.edu) and [www.kaplanuniversity.edu/Kaplan\\_Commitment.pdf](http://www.kaplanuniversity.edu/Kaplan_Commitment.pdf). Application fee waived for campus and learning center students through December 31, 2017.

4 Kaplan University does not guarantee the transferability of credit. See the University Catalog for the Prior Learning Assessment Policy.

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