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SUNY course gets aid

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NEW PALTZ - The Institute for Disaster Mental Health at the State University of New York at New Paltz has received \$10,000 from the New York State Office of Mental Health to help provide a three-credit graduate course titled "Graduate Training in Disaster Mental Health: A Proposal for Creating a Reserve Corps of Mental Health Responders."

The course is designed to teach disaster mental health to graduate students and practitioners in the helping professions. As part of the course requirements, all students will complete a one-day American Red Cross training session in disaster mental health, allowing them to be deployed by the American Red Cross to disaster areas.

Under an agreement with the Office of Mental Health, the college will provide up to five tuition/fee-free seats in the course to individuals who are employees of the state department, the counties or their licensed provider agencies.

The Institute for Disaster Mental Health will also hold its annual conference April 27. The theme will be "Our Community Prepares" and will highlight a variety of approaches to improve the planning, quality and availability of services for mass trauma survivors and their families in the seven-county Hudson Valley region.

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