EMBRACING RESILIENCY: PROTECTING HOUSTON’S FUTURE, TODAY.

Our Vision: A stronger, more resilient Houston where every citizen possesses the knowledge to prepare for, recover from, adapt to, manage in multiple hazards including major flood events, fires, spills and leaks, pandemics, and freezes; where every business can be future-proofed from potential disaster scenarios across residential, commercial, industrial, and public facilities.

A Dynamic Environment Requires Dynamic Solutions

Our world becomes more challenging and uncertain by the day. To navigate it, our communities, companies, and citizens must be better equipped than ever before. Houston Community College (HCC) envisions a resilience focused skilled workforce across residential, commercial, industrial and public facilities.

The proposal: to create the first-in-the Nation “Resilience Center of Excellence” and Operations Training Center to connect residents, employers, civic and community organizations, neighborhoods, and small businesses with appropriate levels of education and awareness to reduce loss of life and well-being, and increase economic stability through risk mitigation. By leveraging HCC’s existing campus footprint across every neighborhood, as well as its existing competencies to train and educate a wide variety of disciplines critical to disaster preparedness and recovery, we can achieve this vision.

We’re Mobilizing

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<td>Training the next generation of Houston’s emergency response, medical triage, and infrastructure support professionals.</td>
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One College–One Community

The HCC footprint across the Greater Houston region and its existing Centers of Excellence are well positioned to build community resiliency by delivering continuing education and credentials.

Community resiliency is more than responding to major flood events – it includes disasters like fires, oil spills and leaks, pandemics, and freezes. This initiative is about skill mastery for ALL potential disaster scenarios.

Reaching Underserved Communities

A major component of our approach is instilling resiliency equitably across the region so that all parts of Greater Houston have the resources and support they need. In alignment with HCC, the Resiliency Center of Excellence is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion with a focused coordination to serve low-to-moderate income communities. As part of our ongoing efforts to honor those who have served our nation, this initiative will include a focus on assisting veterans.
The Resiliency Operations Center (ROC)

At the core of the Resilience Center of Excellence is the Resiliency Operations Center (ROC). At this one-of-a-kind complex to be built on the HCC Northeast Campus, up to 3,000 to 4,000 citizens, corporate and small business managers, and first responders a year will safely train in controlled but authentic field and virtual simulations. From applied “boots-on-the-ground” training, they’ll experience all the dangers an individual is likely to encounter in a real disaster: flooded residential streets and commercial areas complete with hazards such as debris, downed power lines, submerged vehicles, and varying light levels that make the challenges all too real. Until the ROC’s completion we will leverage HCC’s extensive campus facilities, infrastructure, equipment, labs, and classrooms.