

TQC & TQAC Certification Questions: Kelly Maguire

1. What brought you to the Emergency Management / DM field?

I have always been interested in epidemiology. My studies in Pharmacy and Public health nurtured this curiosity and empowered me with the knowledge to improve people's quality of life. After COVID19, I realised improving my patient's quality of life was deeply related to morbidity.

2. What attracted you to the TIEMS organization and the TIEMS TQAC certification?

TIEMS provided a platform to share my research on Risk. The organisation introduced the idea of international cooperation in Disaster Risk Management. I feel that with my participation in TIEMS organisation, I will learn to link morbidity and mortality. The TQAC certificate they provide will provide me with a professional backing in this pursuit.

3. How do you think the TIEMS TQC certification will benefit your future opportunities and career?

It is important that emergency management has a standardized test. Trust is very important in emergencies and I foresee the TQAC certification as a bridge to gaining this trust. It will give me the confidence to speak on international standards with colleagues from other countries.

4. How was your experience with navigating through the TIEMS TQC & TQAC certification process?

The TIEMS TQC & TQAC certification process is structured by specific categories and the exam questions reflect this. It is laid out simply and there is constant online assistance at any point in time.

5. In your opinion, how does the TIEMS TQC & TQAC certification compare to other Emergency Management certifications?

The TIEMS TQC & TQAC certificate is designed to create trust between local as well as international Disaster Risk Management organisations and their stakeholders. It does this with the aim of standardizing international Emergency Management. This allows the certificate to compliment other Emergency Management certificates, while becoming the connected needed between different countries.

6. In light of Covid-19 and the war in Ukraine, where do you see the Emergency / Disaster Management field heading?

I think hard questions and even harder solutions are starting to emerge that will transform the disaster management field. Emergency Management is the first step in the right direction for the preservation of all life, including those situated in man-made disasters.

7. Is there anything else you like to tell about yourself?

I wish to explore and create more opportunities in the field of Disaster Risk Management and the emergence of novel international emergencies. I am open to learning and collaboration with those more experienced than me. The only way one makes a difference is with the help and guidance of others.