Current Programs
The core strengths of the Center for National Preparedness are research-active faculty who span multiple disciplines.

Research
CNP engages a team of researchers from the following areas across the University of Pittsburgh: the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, the Graduate School of Public Health, the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, the School of Engineering, the School of Information Sciences, the School of Law, the School of Medicine, and the School of Nursing. CNP also participates in the Keystone Homeland Security University Research Consortium. The Consortium is an alliance of four major research universities in Pennsylvania—Carnegie Mellon University, Pennsylvania State University, University of Pennsylvania, and University of Pittsburgh. This Consortium combines the strengths of the research and educational resources to address issues related to national preparedness. Innovative research is the foundation of CNP. Research findings will be communicated to the broader public through educational and training programs in which students, policymakers, and other interested parties participate.

Education
Recognizing that a new generation of public authorities, community leaders and experts must be prepared to succeed in the post 9-11 environment, CNP is structured to provide assistance at the community level through a multi-tiered system of formal education (Certificate through Doctorate level) in disciplines that enhance national preparedness.

Outreach
An important aspect of CNP’s activities is ensuring that its research is translated into cross-fertilization of its outreach programs. CNP coordinates a lecture series and an annual research symposium. CNP also sponsors a travel grants program to help graduate students attend conferences focused on preparedness and a seed grants program to help faculty develop interdisciplinary research programs. In 2008, CNP will be hosting a conference on critical infrastructure resilience and interdependency in conjunction with Carnegie Mellon University, West Virginia University, the Department of Energy, and the Appalachian Regional Commission.