Mission
The Center for National Preparedness (CNP) was established in the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks to develop holistic and logical approaches to education, research, and training on issues related to national preparedness. CNP has been formulated around four primary guiding principles: prevention, protection, response, and recovery.

- **Prevention** requires effective diplomatic policies, border security, and surveillance systems, which must be a first priority prior to catastrophic events.

- **Protection** provides the assurance of military vigilance, the health of the American population, the security of critical infrastructure, and the continued operation of cyber networks.

- **Response** focuses on employing properly trained and equipped professionals at the local, state, and federal levels.

- **Recovery** emphasizes the importance of rapid restoration of key components within critical infrastructure. CNP is uniquely positioned to use this multi-layered approach to provide expertise to organizations that must deal with homeland preparedness. CNP is a broad, multidisciplinary, collaborative enterprise that engages the University’s scientists, engineers, policy experts, and clinical faculty. Members of CNP possess expertise in biomedical research, public health, medicine, national security policy, engineering, and information technology.

CNP contributes to local, state, and national preparedness:

- At the federal level, CNP provides expert advice and assistance to the Department of Homeland Security, other cabinet agencies and associated organizations, critical elements of the intelligence community, and key policy makers as they formulate a national homeland security strategy.

- At the state level, CNP provides professional training and expert assistance to state and local governments in critical skills, such as cyber security, public health surveillance, nursing, and Fire/EMS training. Representatives from CNP also are capable of raising public awareness of homeland security challenges through seminars and informational briefings.

- CNP proactively identifies government and industry needs, tracks state and federal funding opportunities, and provides grant-writing support to raise the commitment and the profile of preparedness research, education, and training.