



# CERTIFIED TO SERVE: ILLINOIS FOOD MANAGER CERTIFICATION

Food safety isn't just good business—it's the law.

Illinois Food Manager Certification courses are designed to equip food service managers with the knowledge and tools to ensure public health and meet regulatory requirements. From personal hygiene to Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points, managers learn to lead by example in keeping food safe from prep to plate.

## KEY TOPICS COVERED IN CERTIFICATION TRAINING

**PREVENTING FOODBORNE ILLNESSES.** Identify common foodborne pathogens, understand how they spread, and learn how to prevent their growth and transmission.

**PERSONAL HYGIENE.** Master proper handwashing techniques, hygiene standards, and ways to prevent cross-contamination.

**SAFE FOOD PREPARATION.** Get hands-on with safe food handling, proper cooking temperatures, cooling, storage, and thawing practices.

**CLEANING AND SANITIZING.** Learn effective cleaning and sanitizing methods, equipment care, and pest control best practices.

**FOOD SAFETY REGULATIONS.** Understand and apply food safety laws and guidelines from the Illinois Department of Public Health and the FDA.

**HAZARD ANALYSIS AND CRITICAL CONTROL POINTS (HACCP).** Use HACCP principles to identify and control food safety hazards throughout the food handling process.

**TRAINING EMPLOYEES.** Develop strategies to train staff on safety procedures and create a culture of accountability in your kitchen.

**TIME AND TEMPERATURE CONTROL.** Ensure food is cooked, held, cooled, and reheated at safe temperatures to prevent bacterial growth.

**MANAGERIAL RESPONSIBILITIES.** Implement food safety policies, manage inventory, and maintain compliance with all health codes and regulation.

## WHY IT MATTERS

Completing an approved training program and passing the certification exam not only meets Illinois requirements—it shows your commitment to public health and food safety. Certified managers lead safer, stronger food operations.



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