

CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL – FOOD SAFETY

CP-FS



Advance Your Food Safety Career

The National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) developed the **Certified Professional – Food Safety (CP-FS)** credential to meet the growing need for professionals who have specialized knowledge and training in the protection and safety of food. The importance of food safety is recognized along the continuum of training from food handler to food safety manager, and the next step for professionals who want to advance their careers in food safety is obtaining the CP-FS credential.

The CP-FS credential is designed for individuals within the public and private sectors who have prior food safety experience, and it integrates food microbiology, HACCP principles, and regulatory requirements to validate problem solving and knowledge expertise using real-world examples. This prestigious credential is well respected throughout the industry, and is highly valued by employers when hiring food safety professionals.

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Join the Growing Ranks

CP-FS credential holders may be employed in any retail food environment — as a quality assurance or quality control manager, facility manager, food-safe chemical supplier, or in a more traditional food safety position such as a regulatory inspector/investigator. CP-FS holders are able to conduct facility plan reviews, evaluate hazard analysis and critical control points (HACCP) plans or other risk-based food safety programs, understand the causes and prevention of foodborne illnesses, and analyze and implement sanitation standard operating procedures for safety and effectiveness.

Interested in joining more than 2,000 food safety professionals who have obtained this credential?

**Find out more if the CP-FS is right for you:
www.neha.org/credential/cpfs.html**



A Professional Credential From NEHA

NEHA has been training professionals in food safety since 1937 as part of the knowledge and skills required of Registered Environmental Health Specialists/Registered Sanitarians (REHS/RS). NEHA's well-grounded history in food safety means our standards are high and that individuals with a NEHA credential have mastered a body of knowledge and acquired practical experience to perform relevant work responsibilities.

As an impartial, third-party endorsement of an individual's professional knowledge and experience, a credential stands in support of a candidate's resume and professional references. It serves as verification that a professional has achieved a baseline level of competency in his or her subject matter. Food safety professionals must understand local, state, national, and global regulations that affect their facility operations. The benefit of obtaining a nationally recognized credential is the transferability across state lines, and the requirement for continuing education to maintain the credential ensures that the professional is up-to-date on the most recent changes affecting the industry.

CP-FS Content Curriculum

The CP-FS credential not only helps one to prove competency and capability in a given field, but also demonstrates to one's community and employers that the individual is competent, properly trained, and equipped to carry out his or her duties. To sit for a credential exam an individual must possess certain requirements — a set level of education, experience, or a combination of both.

The CP-FS credential identifies seven different content areas in which a credential holder must demonstrate having knowledge and skill:

1. Developing food safety policies, procedures, and training
2. Assessing food safety, hazard analysis and critical control points (HACCP) principles, and food microbiology
3. Reviewing building/facility plans
4. Investigating foodborne illness
5. Performing recall activities
6. Managing food defense practices
7. Responding to emergencies

Learn More About the CP-FS

NEHA offers additional details on credential eligibility, application, study references, training courses, examination description and locations, and maintaining your credential through continuing education.

Visit neha.org/credential/cpfs.html
or contact credentialing@neha.org

NEHA FOOD CERTIFICATIONS & CREDENTIALS

- FOOD SAFETY AUDITOR
- REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST
- CERTIFIED IN COMPREHENSIVE FOOD SAFETY
- ▶ ■ CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL – FOOD SAFETY
- HACCP MANAGER
- FOOD MANAGER
- FOOD HANDLER



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