

CP-FS Examination

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for the CP-FS credential, a candidate must meet the criteria for A, B, or C as follows:

- A. **Degree Track:** You are eligible for the credential if you have:
1. a Bachelor's degree in food science or environmental health from a degree program accredited by the National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council. To find out if your degree program has been accredited by NEHSPAC, please visit their website at: http://www.ehacoffice.org/programs/pm_under.php. ; OR
 2. a Bachelor's degree with at least two (2) years experience in food protection; OR
 3. a Bachelor's degree and possession of the NEHA REHS/RS credential
- B. **Experience Track:** You are eligible for the credential if you have:
1. an Associate's degree *and* four (4) years of progressive experience in food-related work, *and* successful passage of the Certified Professional Food Manager (CPFM), Food Safety Managers Certification Examination (FSMCE), SuperSafe Mark Exam, or ServSafe exam
 2. a High School Diploma or GED *and* five (5) years of progressive experience in food-related work, *and* successful passage of the Certified Professional Food Manager (CPFM), Food Safety Managers Certification Examination (FSMCE), SuperSafe Mark Exam, or ServSafe exam
- C. **"In-Training" Status:** If you are applying under condition A-2 of the eligibility requirements, but do not yet have the required work experience, you may apply for an "In-Training" Status registration. You will have three (3) years to acquire the necessary experience to transfer your registration to full-credential status. If you do not acquire the necessary experience in three years, your "In-Training" status will expire. In order to obtain the credential you will need to once again apply and be found eligible to take the exam.

Foreign Applicants

For foreign applicant or those that have attended and received a university degree outside of the United States applying under the Degree Track, a third party review of your transcript is necessary to determine equivalency to schools within the United States. The report given by the third party will need to accompany your NEHA *Application for Professional Credential*.

You may contact a service such as the International Education Research Foundation www.ierf.org to conduct the third party equivalency review.