



## Lake County

Health Department and  
Community Health Center

### Food Handler Training Program

A food handler means an individual working with unpackaged food, food equipment or utensils, or food-contact surfaces.

- Any food handler working in the State of Illinois is required to have training, unless that person has a valid Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) certificate.
- All food handlers working in food facilities shall complete an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) approved training course - <https://www.ansi.org/Accreditation/credentialing/certificate-issuers/AllDirectoryListing?prgID=237,238&statusID=4>.
- All food handlers employed by food service facilities will be required to receive or obtain ANSI accredited training within 30 days of employment and every 3 years thereafter.
- Not every food handler training course will issue a certificate, but proof of training must be available in the facility upon inspector request. ANSI approved food handler training courses will issue a certificate upon passing the assessment.
- Mostly online, some classroom options available.

#### Costs:

- Costs vary from \$5 to \$30 depending on the training program.

## Food Handler Training vs. CFPM Program

### Certified Food Protection Manager-CFPM

- Beginning January 1, 2018, an ANSI accredited Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) certification obtained through a course and passing the exam are still required, but students will not need to apply for the additional Illinois FSSMC certificate.
- High risk facilities must have a certified person during all hours of food preparation, Medium risk facilities must have at least one full-time certified person on staff.
- If a certified person leaves, the facility has three months from date of loss to employ another one and comply.
- A current FSSMC must be renewed every 5 years by completing an 8-hour class and an ANSI exam.
- Certificates of certified managers shall be maintained at the place of business and shall be made available for inspection.
- Classroom and online options - <https://www.ansi.org/Accreditation/credentialing/personnel-certification/food-protection-manager/ALLdirectoryListing?menuID=8&prgID=8&statusID=4>.

#### Costs:

- Costs vary from \$150 to \$300 depending on the training program.

**Food  
Handler  
Training  
Program  
Certificate**



**BOTH ANSI APPROVED – 3-year vs 5-year Expiration Date**



**Certified  
Food  
Protection  
Manager  
(CFPM)**