

Certified Food Protection Manager Resources

Montana Office of Public Instruction | School Nutrition Programs

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The USDA requires School nutrition program directors, regardless of LEA size, must complete eight hours of food safety training: either within five years prior to their start date or within 30 calendar days of their start date. The State agency may also require all directors to complete eight hours of food safety training every five years ([7 CFR 210.30\(b\)\(1\)\(v\)](#)). Montana requires that school food service managers complete a certification process for safe food handling.

A list of approved Certified Food Protection Manager training programs can be found at [Montana Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Consumer Safety Division, Certified Food Protection Manager Training](#). Each of the following training is approved in Montana to meet the Certified Food Protection Manager requirement of the Food Code.

Please note, while the Serv Safe certification course has typically been the most common choice for Montana schools, each of the following programs are approved in Montana.

In-Person Options

Finley Food & Beverage Consulting

Former health inspector who offers ServSafe Food Protection Manager (CFPM) training throughout the state of Montana. Cost is typically \$180/student, which includes the 8-hour course, the current ServSafe textbook, and the proctored exam.

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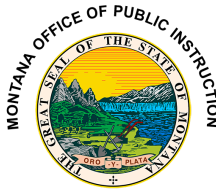
Website: www.finleyfbconsulting.com

High Top Food & Beverage Training

At Hightop F&B Training, our mission is to provide high-quality, informative food safety training to industry workers to become ServSafe certified. Whether you are wanting to take your employees' food safety knowledge to the next level or are someone wanting to advance your career in the restaurant industry, we are committed to delivering an exceptional classroom experience in becoming ServSafe certified.

Contact: Ryan and Julie Johnson

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Website: <https://hightopfandbtraining.com/>

Montana Food Safety Services

Our professionally licensed Sanitarians, with over a decade of government regulatory experience and food safety expertise, conduct interactive food safety training and ServSafe proctoring. Visit our website to register for a scheduled class. Contact us by email or phone to schedule an in-house training or CFPM class in your area.

Contact: David Ley, RS/REHS, Owner

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Website: MontanaFoodSafetyServices.com

Montana State University- Extension

MSU offers ServSafe training as well as National Registry for Food Service professionals in certain counties. To see the classes that are available visit their Food Safety & Preservation page and scroll down to: **Food Safety** > *Upcoming In-Person Certified Food Manager and Handler Trainings*
<https://nutrition.msuextension.org/food-safety-preservation/index.html>

Online Options

There are multiple online Food Protection Manager Training options, which have been summarized in this helpful [comparison chart](#).

Always Food Safe

<https://alwaysfoodsafes.com/en/food-protection-manager/montana>

Cost: \$78

Included: 100% Online Training. Takes between 4 and 8 hours, Remotely Proctored Online Exam – can be taken at home or in the office, ANSI Accredited Certificate upon completion

State Food Safety

<https://www.statefoodsafety.com/food-safety-manager-certification/montana-courses>

The online certification training is \$65 and the online proctored exam is \$28.

Total Cost: \$93

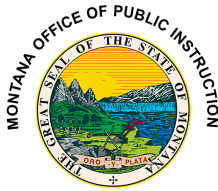
Included: 8 hours of mobile-friendly online training, a free practice test and an online proctored exam.

360Training Learn 2 Serve

<https://www.360training.com/learn2serve/food-safety-manager/Montana>

Cost: \$121

Included: You get access to our 8-hour training course that reviews the food safety principles you need



to know to pass the exam, as well as prevent foodborne illnesses. Contains 8 hours of instructional lessons. The Food Protection Manager Certification Exam is ANAB-approved for remote proctoring online using the webcam on the computer. The exam will be proctored by one of our online proctors.

ServSafe

<https://www.servsafe.com/access/ss/Catalog/ProductList/10>

Must complete the online course within 90 days of launching it. No time limit between completing the class and taking the certification exam (The online exam voucher does not expire.)

1. ServSafe Manager Course with Online Proctored Exam

<https://www.servsafe.com/access/SS/Catalog/ProductDetail/SSMCT7XONLPROC>

Cost: \$179.00

Included: One online course, one online exam access code, and online proctoring through ProctorU. After your purchase is complete, you will receive an email with a ServSafe Manager Exam Access Code and directions for scheduling your exam through ProctorU.

2. ServSafe Manager Course with In-Person Proctored Exam Voucher

<https://www.servsafe.com/access/SS/Catalog/ProductDetail/SSMCT7X>

Cost: \$152.95

Included: One online course and one exam access code. Professionals take the online training, then they need to find their own proctor to oversee the online exam.