

Food Protection Manager Certification

Allegheny County Food Safety Regulations require that a Certified Food Protection Manager be present in a food facility at all times food is being prepared or handled. The owner or operator of the food facility is responsible to ensure that they have enough people on staff certified as Food Protection managers to meet this requirement. There are several ways that you can achieve this. For more information, visit bit.ly/ACHDFoodCertification or call (412) 578-7933.



Registration forms and payment must be received no later than 2 weeks prior to the course or exam date. Special orders for accommodations and materials in other languages require 45 days' notice with a registration form and payment.

Photo ID is required for the exam, and please bring two #2 pencils.

ACHD 2-Day Certification Course

- Recommended for first-time examinees or people who have not recently been certified
- Includes 2 days of class, course book, and exam
- Held at various locations throughout Allegheny County, typically on 2 consecutive Tuesdays
- \$135.00 per person
- Schedule at bit.ly/ACHDFoodCertification

ACHD 1-Day Recertification Course

- Recommended for certification renewal or retesting
- Includes 1 day of class, course book, and exam
- Held at various locations throughout Allegheny County, typically on a Tuesday
- \$105.00 per person
- Schedule at bit.ly/ACHDFoodCertification

ACHD Challenge Exam

- Recommended for people proficient in food safety theory and practice
- Includes exam only
- Test sessions are typically held at ACHD Food Safety Program Office, 2121 Noblestown Rd., Suite 210 in Pittsburgh on Wednesday afternoons
- \$65.00 per person
- Book not included. Books may be purchased directly from ServSafe.com
- Schedule at bit.ly/ACHDFoodCertification

Other Recognized Certifications

ACHD recognizes the following ANSI-accredited Certification Food Protection Manager programs:

- [AAA Food Handler](#)
- [World Food Safety Organization](#)
- [Certus/StateFoodSafety](#)
- [EduClasses®](#)
- [Learn2Serve](#)
- [My Food Service License](#)
- [National Registry of Food Safety Professionals](#)
- [National Restaurant Association Solutions](#)
- [Trust20](#)
- [Responsible Training / Safeway Certifications](#)
- [The Always Food Safe Company](#)
- [Userve](#)

Exams are available in **English, Spanish, Simplified Chinese, Korean, Japanese, and Canadian French.** Books are available in **English, Spanish, Simplified Chinese, and Korean.** Please mark your language needs on the registration form to ensure we have materials in your native or preferred language.



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Food Protection Manager Certification ACHD Course & Exam Schedule

January 2026 through March 2026

Photo ID is required for the exam, and please bring two #2 pencils.

2-Day Certification Course Schedule – (\$135 per person)	
Date & Time	Course Location
02/03 & 02/10/2026 (<i>Tuesdays</i>) 8:30 am – 5:00 pm	Longue Vue Club 400 Longue Vue Drive, Verona, PA 15147 (Penn Hills)
03/17 & 03/24/2026 (<i>Tuesdays</i>) 8:30 am – 5:00 pm	UPMC McKeesport Hospital (Usman Ahmad Conference Center) 1500 Fifth Ave, McKeesport, PA 15132 (McKeesport)
03/30 & 04/06/2026 (<i>Mondays</i>) 8:30 am – 5:00 pm	Pittsburgh Field Club 121 Field Club Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15238 (Fox Chapel)

1-Day Certification Course Schedule – (\$105 per person)	
Date & Time	Course Location
01/13/2026 (<i>Tuesday</i>) 8:30 am – 5:00 pm	ACHD Food Safety Program Office 2121 Noblestown Rd Suite 210, Pittsburgh, PA 15205 (Ward 28)
03/03/2026 (<i>Tuesday</i>) 8:30 am – 5:00 pm	Christ United Methodist Church 44 Highland Drive, Bethel Park, 15102 (Bethel Park)

Challenge Exam – (\$65 per person)	
Location: All Challenge Exams are held at the Food Safety Program Office, 2121 Noblestown Road Suite 210	
Date & Time	Date & Time
01/14/2026 – Wednesday 2:00pm	02/11/2026 – Wednesday 2:00pm
03/11/2026 – Wednesday 2:00pm	



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