

The Certificate in Excellence in School Nutrition Program

The Certificate in Excellence in School Nutrition program includes five undergraduate courses offered through Framingham State University (FSU), designed specifically for directors of school nutrition programs and managers who wish to advance in their school nutrition careers. The Office for Food and Nutrition Programs at ESE has approved this program as **the state-recognized certificate for school nutrition directors**, as outlined in the USDA hiring standards shown in the table below.

Take courses from the comfort of your home!

Courses in the program utilize a blended learning environment. This includes one to three face-to-face Saturday classes per semester from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at FSU combined with online conferencing classes scheduled on Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m. to 7:20 p.m.



Hiring Standards for New School Nutrition Program Directors			
New directors — those hired on or after July 1, 2015 — are subject to the new education requirements below. Existing directors will be grandfathered in their current positions as well as in the Student Enrollment category where they currently are working. (School Nutrition Program Directors are the individuals responsible for the operation of school nutrition programs for all schools under the local educational agency (LEA).)			
Minimum Requirements for Directors	Student Enrollment 2,499 or less	Student Enrollment 2,500-9,999	Student Enrollment 10,000 or more
Minimum Education Standards	Bachelor's degree, or equivalent educational experience, with academic major in specific areas; * OR Bachelor's degree in any academic major, and State-recognized certificate for school nutrition directors; OR Bachelor's degree in any academic major, and at least 1 year year of relevant school nutrition programs experience; OR Associate's degree or equivalent educational experience, with academic major in specific areas, * and at least 1 year of relevant school nutrition programs experience; OR High school diploma (or GED) and at least 3 years of relevant experience in school nutrition programs. (For an LEA with less than 500 students, the State agency may approve a candidate who meets the educational standards but has less than the required 3 years experience.)	Bachelor's degree, or equivalent educational experience, with academic major in specific areas; * OR Bachelor's degree in any academic major, and State-recognized certificate for school nutrition directors; OR Bachelor's degree in any academic major and at least 2 years of relevant school nutrition programs experience; OR Associate's degree or equivalent educational experience, with academic major in specific areas, * and at least 2 years of relevant school nutrition programs experience.	Bachelor's degree, or equivalent educational experience, with academic major in specific areas; * OR Bachelor's degree in any academic major, and State-recognized certificate for school nutrition directors; OR Bachelor's degree in any academic major and at least 5 years experience in management of school nutrition programs. * Specific majors/areas of concentration: food and nutrition, food service management, dietetics, family and consumer sciences, nutrition education, culinary arts, business, or a related field.
Minimum Prior Training Standards	At least 8 hours of food safety training is required either not more than 5 years prior to their starting date or completed within 30 days of the employee's start date.		

Source: https://healthymeals.fns.usda.gov/hsmrs/ProfStandards/profstandards_flyer.pdf

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