

# The Certificate in Excellence in School Nutrition Program

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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 DESE has approved this program as **the state-recognized certificate for school nutrition directors**, as outlined in the [USDA hiring standards](#).

Curriculum is based upon competencies identified by national research conducted by the [Institute of Child Nutrition](#), the [Massachusetts Statewide Needs Assessment](#) and [USDA Professional Standards](#) and is designed to assure that directors and managers have the knowledge and skills needed to be successful leaders in school nutrition.

This program offers courses year-round and can be completed in 18 months.

## Course Requirements

- NUTR 616 Nutrition and School Nutrition Programs
- NUTR 617 Foodservice Systems in School Nutrition Programs
- NUTR 618 Management of School Nutrition Programs
- NUTR 619 Professional Development and Communication in School Nutrition
- NUTR 620 Computer Applications in School Nutrition



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NUTR 616 Nutrition and School Nutrition Programs is approved for 60 hours of SNA Continuing Education Units (CEUs) as a [Nutrition Education Core Course](#).

Each course provides four credits and 60 hours of USDA Professional Standards continuing education. Courses may be used towards the [Liberal Studies Program](#) at FSU and possibly degree programs at other universities. The program is appropriate for those with or without a bachelor's degree

## 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 or Thursdays from 4:00 p.m. to 7:20 p.m.

## What our graduates have to say...

“The program has given me so much more knowledge and confidence about running a school nutrition program. Each class taught key points for success and every professor was very well informed and understanding about us all working full-time along with our class work.” *MH, class of 2018*

## There is no cost to apply!

For more details, visit us at [johnstalkerinstitute.org/cert/](http://johnstalkerinstitute.org/cert/)

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