

Certified Food Protection Manager Resources

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 trainings 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

Callaghan Enterprises

We have taught over 500 ServSafe classes, certifying thousands of food service workers in the process. We are certified to teach both the ServSafe Manager Training course as well as the ServSafe Food Handler Training course.

Contact: Mike Callaghan
Phone: (406) 208-0078
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Website: <https://callaghan-ent.secure.force.com/register>

Finley Food & Beverage Consulting (Various Counties)

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

Contact: Laura Finley
Phone: (406) 600-7919
Email: FinleyFBconsulting@gmail.com
Website: www.finleyfbconsulting.com

Toots Taszut Consulting (Gallatin County)

Courses and services offered:

- Provide HACCP training and development / implementation of an in-house HACCP Program
- Safe food handling training for employees, in an understandable manner
- Food Safety Certification, and training, for Managers

Please contact directly more information or to request a class for your organization.

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Prices and dates may change. For more information contact:

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Montana State University (Various Counties)

MSU offers ServSafe trainings 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/>

Montana Food Manager Certification Training and Exam Bundle:

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

Cost: \$78.00 for the bundle

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

<http://www.statefoodsafety.com/>

The online certification training is \$78 and the online proctored exam is \$46.

Total Cost: \$124

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

Locate approved training in Montana:

- <https://www.statefoodsafety.com/food-safety-manager-certification#/>
- Information for online proctored exam:
https://cdn.statefoodsafety.com/Food_Protection_Manager_Certification_Exam_Remote_Proctoring_Procedures.pdf

Learn2Serve

Food Manager Certification Training and Exam approved in Montana:

<https://www.360training.com/learn2serve/food-safety-manager-training?state=MT>

Cost: \$99.00

Included: An 8-hour online training course that reviews the food safety principles you need to know to pass the exam, as well as prevent foodborne illnesses. The Food Protection Manager Certification Exam is proctored online using the webcam on the computer. The exam will be proctored by an online proctor. Online proctoring is available Monday – Friday between 7am to 10pm (CST). To access your exam, simply launch the course in the 360training LMS and follow the steps provided. Find detailed instructions at <https://www.360training.com/learn2serve/food-protection-manager-online-proctored-exam-instructions>.

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ServSafe

<http://www.servsafe.com/>

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. Options for finding a proctor to administer the online exam:

- Contact your local county Extension Agent
- Contact your local county Health Department, Registered Sanitarian
- Use the Find a Proctor tool on the Montana Department of Health and Human Services website:

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/FCSS/RetailFood/foodmanagertrainings/TestProctors>

(please note, this list may not include all proctors)

- Use the zip code search tool to find a proctor near you on the ServSafe website:

<https://www.servsafe.com/ss/search/trainingsearchip.aspx>

*Proctors may charge an additional proctoring fee

National Registry of Food Safety Professionals

Management Principles Self-Study Program

<https://www.nrfsp.com/product/management-principles-self-study-program-english/>

Cost: \$77.00

Included: Offers online Manager Certification Training and online proctored exam
Food Manager Certification training – easy, flexible training options, including self-study and online courses

- Food Safety Manager Certification: <https://www.nrfsp.com/exam-center/manager/>
- NRFSP Online Training Portal: https://www5.myvlp.com/v1-3/index_NRFSP.php

Certification is good for 3 years

Offers 2 self-study courses (via printed study guides) to prepare for the exam –

Each study guide costs <\$30.00; online proctored exam costs \$47.00

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Prometric and Paster Training Inc.

Prometric Total Cost: \$161.95

- Prometric Food Safety Certificate and Certification Programs: <https://www.prometric.com/foodsafety>
- Prometric Certified Professional Food Manager Exam: <https://www.prometric.com/cpfm-exam>
- Online proctoring available: <https://securereg3.prometric.com/ProgramInformation.aspx?mode=schedule>

Paster Training, Inc Cost: \$240

- SURE Food Safety Manager Online Course w/ Training Manual: <https://www.pastertraining.com/pastertraining/food-beverage-training/product.aspx?id=2927>
- Cost of the Exam: <https://www.pastertraining.com/pastertraining/food-beverage-training/product.aspx?id=2977>

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