

# School Nutrition, Certificate

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Does your dream career involve making a difference in children's lives through improved nutrition? Gain the knowledge and skills you'll need to manage school nutrition programs.

## Description

The certificate in school nutrition provides students with a strong foundation in topics such as:

- development of healthy cuisines
- eating for lifelong health
- food service purchasing
- nutrition management and leadership

This certificate is designed for individuals who are interested in qualifying to sit for the school nutrition specialist credential offered by the School Nutrition Association.

This certificate program provides detailed information on the requirements to run a school food service operation and offers students insight into the rules and regulations of the National School Lunch Program. More information can be found on the SNA website at

<https://schoolnutrition.org/careers-training/certificate-credentialing/certificate-program>.

Individuals must complete 900 working hours in a school nutrition or food service environment before they are eligible to sit for the national school nutrition specialist exam. More information on this credential can be found on the SNA website at

<https://schoolnutrition.org/careers-training/certificate-credentialing/credentialing/>.

## At a glance

- **College/School:** [College of Health Solutions](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix](#)

## Program requirements

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The certificate requires a total of 30 credit hours. A minimum grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) is required for each course.

### Required Courses -- 30 credit hours

[ACC 382: Accounting and Financial Analysis](#) (3)

[HEP 100: Introduction to Health and Wellness \(SB\)](#) or [EXW 302: Fundamentals of Wellness](#) or [EXW 325: Fitness for Life](#) (3)

[HSC 355: Eating for Lifelong Health \(SB\)](#) or [NTR 450: Nutrition in the Life Cycle \(SB\)](#) (3)

[NTR 142: Applied Food Principles](#) (3)

[NTR 343: Food Service Purchasing](#) (3)

[NTR 344: Nutrition Management and Leadership \(L\)](#) (3)

[NTR 345: Development of Healthy Cuisines](#) or [NTR 341: Medical Nutrition Therapy I](#) (3)

[NTR 400: Preprofessional Preparation in Dietetics](#) or [NTR 402: Preprofessional Prep in Nutrition Careers](#) (1)

[NTR 445: Management of Food Service Systems](#) (4)

[NTR 448: Community Nutrition \(L\)](#) (3)

[NTR 498: Child Nutrition Seminar](#) (1)

**Notes:** Child Nutrition Seminar is only offered in the spring semester.

NTR 400 should be taken by Dietetics (DPD) students only.

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

## Enrollment requirements

**GPA Requirement:** 2.00

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

## Program learning outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Students will utilize the knowledge of nutrition, food science and communication skills to convey food and nutrition information.
- Students will apply food safety and sanitation protocols and practices to food service environments.
- Students will demonstrate application of principles of food management and systems in the provision of food and nutrition services to individuals and organizations.

## Career opportunities

Students can advance their career options with an undergraduate certificate. The certificate in school nutrition can help students gain entry-level school food service positions such as:

- child nutrition coordinator
- child nutrition manager
- food service manager
- food service worker
- school food menu planner

## Professional licensure

ASU programs that may lead to professional licensure or certification are intended to prepare students for potential licensure or certification in Arizona. Completion of an ASU program may not meet educational requirements for licensure or certification in another state. For more information, students should visit the [ASU professional licensure](#) webpage.

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