

ANSI Approved Food Handler Courses

LINK	COST	HOURS
http://www.statefoodsafety.com/Cps?productType=Food+Handler	\$10	2
http://www.ilfoodhandlers.com/eFoodMain.aspx	\$8	?
https://www.efoodcard.com/	\$9.99	?
http://www.foodhandlerclasses.com/index.asp	\$7	?
http://www.servingfoodsafely.com/index.php/product/	\$5	2
https://rserve.com/web/pscc_state.php?siteid=251&flag=food%20safety%20handlers&statecode=IL&saletype=	\$6.95	2

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http://site.gcctraining.com/ Pricing: 1-50 employees, the cost is \$250/year 51 – 100 employees, the cost is \$500 year	40 min
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Please note: Prices are subject to change, we are not responsible for keeping track of price points for these trainings.

Excerpt from Frequently Asked Questions for Food Handler Training in Illinois

Who is considered a food handler?

"Food employee" or "food handler" means an individual working with unpackaged food, food equipment or utensils, or food-contact surfaces. "Food employee" or "food handler" does not include unpaid volunteers in a food establishment, whether permanent or temporary.

Who is required to have food handler training?

Any food handler working in Illinois, unless that person has a valid Illinois Food Service Sanitation Manager Certification (FSSMC) or unpaid volunteer. If someone working in a facility is not a food handler on a regular basis, but fills in as a food handler when needed, they must have food handler training.

What is a non-restaurant?

Non-restaurants are facilities, such as nursing homes, licensed day care homes and facilities, hospitals, schools, long-term care facilities and retail food stores.

What is the timeline for implementation?

All food handlers working in non-restaurants shall have training completed by July 1, 2016. Enforcement will be limited to notification and education from July 1-December 31, 2016.

How long is the certificate valid?

Those working in non-restaurants are not required to take another food handler training, unless they go to work for another employer or if they work in nursing homes, licensed day care homes and facilities, hospitals, schools or long-term care facilities. Food handlers working in those facilities must receive training every three years. Food handler training for those working in non-restaurants is not transferable between employers.

Can a "train the trainer" approach be used, where one person attends a training and then they are able to teach others within their facility?

Yes, the train the trainer approach could be used for those food handlers working in non-restaurants, but the training course being used must be approved by the Department and food handlers must take an assessment.