

Level 1: Certification Requirements

To become certified at Level 1, you must meet the following requirements:

Level 1		Do I Meet The Requirements?
Academic Experience	*None	*✓
Core Requirements	✓ 10 Hour Nutrition Education Course (i.e. Healthy EDGE or SNA-approved equivalent course) Healthy EDGE must be taught by a SNA Certified Trainer.	
	✓ 10 Hour Sanitation & Safety Course (i.e. ServSafe® or SNA-approved equivalent course)	
Total Hours	20 Hours	
* High School Diploma/GED will be required in 2011 for new applicants at all levels.		

Place a check (✓) next to each that apply.

What You Need To Submit For Documentation

Now that you have read through the requirements for Level 1, you are ready to submit your completed application, payment and documentation to SNA.

Academic Experience Documentation:

If you are applying for Level 1, you do not need to submit any documentation for Academic Experience. After July 1, 2011, a high school diploma or equivalent will be required for all new applications at Levels 1, 2 and 3.

Core Requirement Documentation:

For Level 1, you must submit a copy of your certificates of completion for each of the two required courses. The certificates must show the course title, date of completion, number of approved hours and instructor's signature.

NOTE: Core Requirement courses cannot date back further than five years of the date you apply for initial certification. College courses can be used to meet the Core Requirements regardless of how many years ago they were taken. Completing a 1 college credit course in Nutrition and a 1 college credit course in Sanitation/Safety/HACCP will meet the Core Requirements for initial certification.

Ways To Earn Core Requirement Hours

Below is a list of suggested ways to earn the Core Requirement hours:

- Enroll in Nutrition Education and Sanitation/Safety Courses offered online on SNA's School Nutrition University (SNU) website at www.snuniversity.org.
- Contact your state affiliate for state approved Nutrition Education and Sanitation/Safety Courses.
- Participate in Core Courses approved by SNA that are offered by other associations.

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