



# FSMC Certification Overview

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**The state of Utah requires Food Safety Managers to be certified in food safety.** Certification is obtained by passing a state-approved exam. Utah State University is one of the approved certification exam programs for Utah. Our program is simply called “F.S.M.C.” (Food Safety Manager’s Certification).

**The FSMC Exam** is taken online at an approved location. Most locations are county Cooperative Extension offices. The exam fee is \$50 and is paid using our registration form. Exams are by appointment only. Exams are bilingual (English-Spanish). There are 4 sections, each with 15 questions. To pass you must answer 10 of 15 questions correctly in each section ***OR*** 42 of 60 total questions (70%). The computer will grade your exam and present your score immediately. You may retake any section once after waiting 24 hours.

**Preparing for the Exam.** Food Safety Managers with an excellent understanding of the Food Code may choose to challenge the exam without preparation. Others may choose to update their knowledge or learn the material for the first time using our training course. If you think you may want to challenge the exam, please look at this list of learning objectives. Exam questions were created directly from these learning objectives.

**FSMC training.** There are several options to help you learn the material required to pass the certification exam. There are three levels of training options. Each option has an additional \$25 fee. You may choose one or all.

1. A printed textbook is available to read, learn and study from. The textbook includes written self-test questions.
2. An online computer training program consists of online: textbook, videos, and slide presentations. Each has the exact same materials, just presented in a different manner. The online course includes interactive self tests to test your learning. A computer with an internet connection is required.
3. A DVD rental is available that presents narrated video of the course. A self-test is included that operates using your DVD remote.

Details: DVD rentals are sent to you via US Mail from Logan, UT. DVD’s are copy protected. DVD’s must be returned via “***prepaid registered***” U.S. Mail within 2 weeks. There is a lost DVD charge of \$100. Printed textbooks are sent from Logan, UT. They are yours to keep. Online training participants will receive an ID and password to access the course at <http://bb.usu.edu>. Online access is available for 8 weeks. After that time access may be denied.