**Section 750.1810 Instructor Approval**

a) The Food Service Sanitation Manager's Certification course shall be taught by a Department approved instructor. Employees of the Department are not eligible to teach the Food Service Sanitation Manager Certification course while employed by the Department. Any approved instructor working as a sanitarian for a local health department is restricted from teaching a food service sanitation manager certification course on his or her own time outside of his or her duties as a sanitarian within the jurisdiction of the local health department by which he or she is employed.

b) The minimum qualifications for certification or recertification, renewable every five years, as a Department-approved instructor are all of the following:

1) Possession of a high school diploma or its equivalent;

2) Possession of a valid State of Illinois Food Service Sanitation Manager Certificate;

3) Minimum experience or education prior to initial application as an approved instructor consisting of one of the following:

A) Two years experience with a Food Service Sanitation Manager Certification or in an educator role with written verification from the applicant's employer; or

B) Two years experience as a retail food inspector with written verification from the applicant's employer; or

C) An Associate's Degree or higher degree with at least 15 hours of science-related course work in a chemical, physical or biological science or in math verified by the educational institution from which the degree was earned;

4) Completion of a Conference for Food Protection (CFP) Food Service Sanitation Manager Certification examination with a final score of 75% or higher; and

5) Payment of a $200 application fee to the Department with the application.

c) An instructor does not have to maintain his or her Food Service Sanitation Manager Certification while he or she has a valid instructor certification. The instructor certification can be used in place of the manager certification, as required in Section 750.540.

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