Food Safety Certification
-associated industries: Business, Management, & Administration | Education & Training | Health Science | Hospitality & Tourism | Human Services | Law & Public Safety | Life, Physical, and Social Science (STEM) | Manufacturing | Marketing, Sales, & Service

Description and Labor Market Information
The Food Safety Certification is designed to provide the food handler with a basic understanding of food microbiology, major foodborne illnesses, and how to implement specific procedures to ensure safe food preparation.

This credential was associated with 25 occupations that were identified as well-paying and in demand. Overall, those occupations represent 84,923 positions with 12,305 annual openings within the state and median hourly earnings of $26.76.

Sample Occupations

First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers
- Median Hourly Earnings: $19.43
- Typical Entry Level Education Requirement: High school diploma or equivalent
- Total Positions: 6,351
- Annual Job Openings: 1,024

First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers
- Median Hourly Earnings: $19.86
- Typical Entry Level Education Requirement: High school diploma or equivalent
- Total Positions: 7,472
- Annual Job Openings: 836

General and Operations Managers
- Median Hourly Earnings: $47.84
- Typical Entry Level Education Requirement: Bachelor's degree
- Total Positions: 10,113
- Annual Job Openings: 952

Certifying Entity Information
Hawai'i Department of Health
Website: health.Hawai'i.gov
Phone: (808) 586-4400
Local Availability:

Exam Details
Age Requirement: N/A
Coursework/Hours to Complete: 2 hours
Length of Certification Validity: 3 years
Exam Cost: FREE
Exam Time: N/A
Number of Questions: N/A
Pass Rate: N/A
This project has been a joint effort between Kamehameha Schools, the Chamber of Commerce Hawai‘i, University of Hawai‘i P-20, and the Harold K.L. Castle Foundation.

Students in Hawai‘i can earn hundreds of industry-recognized credentials right now. Thousands of students are investing time and resources to achieve these credentials with the hope they will lead to a career that enables them to live and thrive in Hawai‘i. But how effective are these programs at preparing Hawai‘i students for future careers and long-term success?

Promising Credentials in Hawai‘i, a first-of-its-kind analysis for our state, looks at whether the credentials students can earn actually matter in the real world to local employers.

Through intensive labor market analysis and outreach to local Hawai‘i businesses, this project has identified 137 Promising Credentials that are associated with in-demand, living wage occupations throughout the state. The process began with identifying 274 Promising Occupations that met wage and demand thresholds. A list of corresponding credentials for the 274 occupations was then compiled using job postings data. Finally, Hawai‘i employers from across the state completed surveys and participated in focus groups to narrow the list of nearly 2,000 credentials down to the 137 credentials they say matter most when making hiring and promotion decisions.

The resulting Promising Credentials were identified as relevant in hiring and promotional decisions for multiple in demand and well-paying occupations within the state. A detailed one-page summary of each of these Promising Credentials has been organized for student, school, and community use.

The comprehensive report and associated data can be found at www.HawaiiCareerPathways.org.