

# Level 1: Certificate Program Requirements

To earn a Level 1 Certificate in School Nutrition, you must meet the following requirements:

Level 1		Do I Meet The Requirements?
Core Requirements	✓ Minimum 8 Hour SNA-Approved Nutrition Education Core Course or 1 college credit course in Nutrition	
	✓ Minimum 8 Hour SNA-Approved Food Safety & Sanitation Core Course or 1 college credit course in Food Safety & Sanitation, HACCP or Microbiology.	
Total Hours	16 Hours	

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

*“I have found that SNA’s Certificate Program has been a valuable tool for instilling a professional image among our staff members and to others in the school community. They value our knowledge as ‘experts in nutrition.’ I use it as a tool for career advancement and it helps us stay current on issues related to school meal service. Earning a Certificate in School Nutrition with SNA demonstrates a commitment to our program and the children we serve.”*

—Peggy L. Eller, RD, Nutrition Services Director  
Hudson School District, Hudson, Wisconsin

## 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.

### 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 and number of approved hours.

**NOTE:** Core Requirement courses cannot date back further than five years of the date you apply. College courses can be used regardless of how many years ago they were completed.

## Ways To Earn Core Requirement Hours

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

- Enroll in Nutrition Education and Food Safety & Sanitation Core Courses offered online at SNA’s School Nutrition University—[www.snuniversity.org](http://www.snuniversity.org).
- Visit [www.schoolnutrition.org/certificate](http://www.schoolnutrition.org/certificate) to view a list of SNA-Approved Core Courses offered by state associations and other organizations.