



## Dietary and Food Service Manager State Certification Course

**August 18-22, 2025 in Baton Rouge**

The Louisiana Nursing Home Association (LNHA) invites long-term care professionals interested in becoming certified as dietary and food service managers to attend this certification course on August 18-22, 2025, at the [Crowne Plaza Hotel](#) in Baton Rouge, LA. On days 1-4 of the course, attendees will be trained in various food operations, including food purchasing, preparation, and menu management. The course will also review nutrition principles. The assigned clinical practicums will prepare each participant to document nutrition information, ensure food safety and manage work teams.

Day four of the course, August 21, will conclude with a dietary manager certification exam and on day 5, August 22, the ServSafe training will occur and the ServSafe certification test will be administered. The ServSafe test is required if 1) you have never completed it or 2) your current ServSafe is expired. For attendees who are actively certified, only the first four days of attendance are needed. The course instructors will be Leigh Anne Burns, RDN, LDN, John Hickson, CCA, CDM/CFPP and Jeff DeMars, LNFA.

After completing the course, participants will be able to:

- Utilize the systems approach to procure, produce and serve food to all residents
- Provide a safe and sanitary environment for all employees and residents
- Exercise fiscal accountability in purchasing
- Utilize human resource management techniques
- Provide appropriate quality nutritional care for the residents
- Meet all state and federal licensing and regulatory agency standards
- Constantly strive for a person-centered care approach

### Date and Location

The seminar will be on August 18-22, 2025, at [Crowne Plaza Hotel](#) in Baton Rouge, LA. Breakfast and lunch will be provided each day. The sign-in table opens at 8 a.m. and the seminar will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. all five days. The registration fee is \$950 for members and \$1,250 for nonmembers. Register online at [www.lnha.org/eventscalendar](http://www.lnha.org/eventscalendar); space is limited. The deadline to register is **August 11**.

### Hotel Information

To make a reservation and receive the group rate starting at \$115 per night, call Crowne Plaza at 225.925.2244 and mention you are attending the workshop. The deadline to receive the group rate is **July 18**.

### Continuing Education Credits

This continuing education activity has been submitted and approved for 45 Contact Hours by the Louisiana Certification Registry for Healthcare Ancillary Professionals, Inc. for Certified Dietary and Food Service Managers. Upon successful completion of the course, each participant will be qualified to become a Director of Food & Nutrition Services by standards and regulations enforced by the Louisiana Department of Health, Health Standards Section, and Title 42, Code of Federal Regulations; Part 483; Requirements for States and Long-Term Care Facilities.

### Questions

If you have questions, contact Julie Ory at 225.927.5642 or at [jory@lnha.org](mailto:jory@lnha.org). Written cancellation received in the LNHA office 10 days or more before the event will be fully refunded. Cancellation after this time frame will incur a fee equal to one-third of the cost of the seminar. In the event of an unforeseen circumstance beyond the control of LNHA, such as a pandemic-related circumstance, a severe weather event, etc., LNHA reserves the right to cancel or modify the workshop and issue refunds for registration costs. The refund will not cover other expenses such as hotel or travel fees, etc.

**Register [online](#) today! Space is limited.**



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