



ACCREDITATION NEWSLETTER *SPRING 2022*

Greetings!

The ACFEF Accrediting Commission met in January to vote on grants of accreditation and plan for 2022. It was the first time we had an in-person meeting in over 18 months and we welcomed back new and old members. Commission members walked away feeling like there was much to do but that the Commission was in strong standing. Throughout the pandemic we have continued to do site visits and have even added new schools. The ACF Board of Trustees has been a proud and ardent supporter of our mission throughout the last few years. At the meeting, Foundation Chair Tom Macrina gave the group a state of the ACF briefing and Southeast Vice President Brian Frick joined us for dinner. It was nice to see everyone again and be able to break bread together.



The meeting was very productive with new agenda items coming on as large multiyear goals. Those goals include NACIQI (National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity) recognition and working with state DoE and CTE advisors for secondary accreditation attainment. We also held spirited discussions about and voted to include certification and membership into the schools' annual fees, as well as to use some of the end of the year surplus monies to help graduates of ACFEFAC accredited programs with their certification fees as they test up. These specific philanthropic goals will be a focus of the commission for years to come.

Congratulations to all the schools receiving their grant at our January 2022 meeting for doing their best to educate future foodservice professionals!

Culinary Regards,

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Updated Documents

ACFEF Accreditation documents were reviewed, updated and approved for 2022 with document updates taking place every 5 years. Interim updates will be made only to remain compliant with CHEA or any other external-approving agency. Updated documents, including the RKSCs,

are available through the Program Coordinator Portal.



New Benefits for Accredited Programs

Through a joint effort between Accreditation, Certification and Membership, we are pleased to announce that your students will receive membership and certification at no additional cost starting in 2023, with a slight increase in annual fees: \$175 per postsecondary program and \$75 per secondary program. The Commission felt strongly that the value to the schools justified the increase in annual fees. This benefit will go into effect January 1, 2023.



What does this mean for you? All of your qualifying graduate students will receive their corresponding certification along with ACF student membership at NO ADDITIONAL COST to the student or school. Instructors can submit their students' names for a two-year membership one year prior to graduation, giving them one year after graduation to take advantage of membership benefits while seeking employment. Instructors can apply for certification once the student is confirmed to graduate and does not need to include a transcript.

This benefit applies ONLY to ACFEF-accredited programs and adds great value to accreditation!

New Form for Group Certification Applications

With the support of the ACF Certification Commission, program coordinators of ACFEF-accredited programs no longer need to provide a transcript when applying for certification for their students using the new group form. By submitting the form, program coordinators are attesting that the students meet the qualifications for certifications and will graduate from the program with a passing grade. The form is available on the [Student Certification page](#) or scan the QR code with your phone's camera.



Looking for an End-Of-Year Assessment?

Students can earn an additional ACF credential by taking an online written exam for the [Certificate of Culinary Essentials](#) / [Baking and Pastry Essential](#). Additionally, ACF has online written exams for every certification level available to ACFEF-accredited programs at a discounted price. Send an email to educate@acfchefs.org if you are interested in learning more about these options.



NOCTI Micro-Credentials

NOCTI has launched their new LMS offering micro-credentials to serve as learning aids, formative assessments, knowledge checks, validation of competence, or as a means of exploring a particular occupation.



ACF has partnered with NOCTI to develop culinary-related micro-credentials, with the first one, Kitchen Equipment Safety, currently available. For more information, please visit <https://www.nocti.org/services/micro-credentials/>.

New and Renewed Grants of Accreditation

Postsecondary

- Baker College of Port Huron- **Exemplary**
- Bossier Parish Community College- *Renewal*
- Central New Mexico Community College- *Renewal*
- Cincinnati State Technical and Community College- **Exemplary**
- Del Mar College- **Exemplary**
- Delaware Technical & Community College - Terry Campus- **Exemplary**
- Dorsey College Culinary Academy- Roseville Campus- **Exemplary**
- East Central College- *Renewal*
- Erie Community College - North Campus- *Renewal*
- Erie Community College- City Campus- *Renewal*
- Fox Valley Technical College- *Renewal*
- Greenville Technical College- **Exemplary**
- Guilford Technical College- **Exemplary**
- Holyoke Community College- *Renewal*
- Horry Georgetown Technical College- **Exemplary**
- Kirkwood Community College- **Exemplary**
- Nashville State Community College- *Renewal*
- NUC University: Technical Division IBC – Arecibo- *Initial*
- NUC University: Technical Division IBC – Escorial- *Initial*
- NUC University: Technical Division IBC – Moca- *Initial*
- NUC University: Technical Division IBC – Yauco- *Initial*
- Pikes Peak Community College- **Exemplary**
- Stratford University- Alexandria Campus- *Renewal*
- Truckee Meadows Community College- **Exemplary**
- Universidad Ana G. Mendez - Cabo Rojo (UAGM)- *Initial*
- Universidad Ana G. Mendez - Carolina (UAGM)- *Renewal*
- Walters State Community College- **Exemplary**

Secondary

- Cecil County School of Technology- *Renewal*
- Center for Career and Technical Education- *Renewal*
- Denmark High School- *Initial*
- Hartford Area Career and Technology Center- **Exemplary**
- The Villages High School- **Exemplary**
- Western School of Technology and Environmental Science- *Initial*

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25-28, 2022

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Board of Governors Meeting
AAC Fellows Meeting & Dinner

July 24, 2022
TBD

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