



Graduation Requirements for Secondary Certified Programs

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The American Culinary Federation (ACF) offers certification to the American Culinary Federation Education Foundation (ACFEF) Secondary Certified Program graduates, who meet the eligibility and testing requirements. NOCTI administers the ACF Culinary Arts Certification written and performance assessments for graduates of the Culinary Arts Program as well as the ACF Retail Commercial Baking Certification written and performance assessments for graduates of the Baking and Pastry Arts Program.

Study Guides and Assessments must be purchased directly through NOCTI (800.334.6283). The program coordinator should contact and make arrangements with NOCTI to administer the assessments.

	Paper/Pencil Administration	Online Administration	Online Savings
Pre-assessment (written only):	\$23	\$12	\$11
Post-assessment (written only):	\$30	\$20	\$10
Post-assessment (written and performance set):	\$34	\$24	\$10

Study Guides: Package (10 student guides and 1 teacher guide) available for \$36; Set (5 additional student guides) available for \$11.

Secondary Culinary Graduate Requirements:

Graduates who pass the ACF Culinary Arts Certification written and performance assessments with the minimum cut score of 70% are eligible to receive the graduation certificate. The 70% may be achieved on the written test only or as an average of the written and performance test scores.

Graduation certificates may now be self-printed by the Program free of charge to ensure all graduates are recognized.

Questions should be directed to 800.624.9458 or

Program eligibility questions should be directed to staylor@acfchefs.net or lmain@acfchefs.net.

Testing and requirements questions should be directed to emoyers@acfchefs.net.

ACF Certification Opportunities Secondary Programs

Culinary/Baking & Pastry

The ACF encourages schools to recognize students who have excelled and earned their Certified Fundamentals Cook® (CFC®)/Certified Fundamentals Pastry Cook® (CFPC®) certification during your graduation ceremonies.

The following are the eligibility criteria for the CFC® and CFPC® Certifications. If your school has both a certified and a baking & pastry program, any students who successfully complete both programs have the opportunity to earn both designations.

CFC® Requirements:

- Successfully complete a secondary culinary program.
- Pass the **ACF Culinary Arts Certification** written assessment with a minimum score of 70%.
- Pass the **ACF Culinary Arts Certification** performance assessment with a minimum score of 75%.
- Submit application** with NOCTI assessments and payment for each applicant.
- Upon approval, ACF will award the CFC® Certification.

CFPC® Requirements:

- Successfully complete a secondary baking and pastry program.
- Pass the **ACF Retail Commercial Baking** written assessment with a minimum score of 70%.
- Pass the **ACF Retail Commercial Baking** performance assessment with a minimum score of 75%.
- Submit application** with NOCTI assessments and payment for each applicant.
- Upon approval, ACF will award the CFPC® Certification.

***If your students have not completed an ACFEF Secondary Certified Program, also include a copy of your curriculum to document the 30 hour Nutrition and Sanitation requirement. Online courses are available for any candidate at <https://www.acfchefs.org/ACF/Certify/CEH/ACF/Certify/CEH/>.*

To apply for CFC® and CFPC® on behalf of your students, please complete the attached application form, attach the NOCTI assessment and remit \$35 per ACF student member per certification (\$50 fee for non-member) to the ACF.

Plan Ahead for Graduation!

Please allow 2-3 weeks for processing. The certificates are mailed by USPS to the program director, unless otherwise instructed. Expedited shipping is available upon request at the expense of the secondary program. Contact the Certification Team for details.

Any questions? Contact the ACF Certification Team at (888) 817-5344 or certify@acfchefs.net.