

Program Information	Contact Information	Date Updated
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This document is meant to supplement your research about the educational and certification requirements for working as a Bartender on a state-by-state basis, encompassing the United States territories as well.

Educational Preparation: The Bartending course at Forsyth Technical Community College introduces students to the craft of bartending, including training on ABC laws, alcohol categories, drink recipes, and proper use of bartending tools. Students also learn safe serving practices and customer service techniques.

Licensure and Certification: In North Carolina, Forsyth Tech's program includes the Rserving® Responsible Alcohol Server certification, which is approved by the NC Alcohol Beverage Control Commission. State requirements for bartenders vary—some require specific training or permits for alcohol service, while others leave certification to the discretion of employers. Students should review state and local ABC board regulations to ensure compliance.

[Forsyth Tech Website](#)

[Additional Resource \(1\)](#)

[Additional Resource \(2\)](#)

Disclaimer: It is crucial to acknowledge that laws and regulations in the field of Bartending are subject to constant change. For the most current information and requirements, we strongly advise you to consult the specific state board or agency responsible for Bartending licensure/certification.

State	Meets State Educational Requirements	Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements
Alabama	✓	
Alaska	✓	
American Samoa		X
Arizona	✓	
Arkansas	✓	
California	✓	
Colorado	✓	
Connecticut	✓	

State	Meets State Educational Requirements	Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements
Delaware		X
District of Columbia	✓	
Florida	✓	
Georgia	✓	
Guam		X
Hawaii	✓	
Idaho	✓	
Illinois	✓	
Indiana	✓	
Iowa	✓	
Kansas	✓	
Kentucky	✓	
Louisiana	✓	
Maine	✓	
Maryland	✓	
Massachusetts	✓	
Michigan	✓	
Minnesota	✓	
Mississippi	✓	
Missouri	✓	
Montana	✓	
Nebraska	✓	
Nevada	✓	
New Hampshire	✓	

State	Meets State Educational Requirements	Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements
New Jersey	✓	
New Mexico		X
New York	✓	
North Carolina	✓	
North Dakota	✓	
Northern Mariana Islands		X
Ohio	✓	
Oklahoma	✓	
Oregon	✓	
Pennsylvania	✓	
Puerto Rico		X
Rhode Island	✓	
South Carolina	✓	
South Dakota	✓	
Tennessee	✓	
Texas	✓	
US Virgin Islands		X
Utah	✓	
Vermont	✓	
Virginia	✓	
Washington	✓	
West Virginia	✓	
Wisconsin	✓	
Wyoming	✓	