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This document is intended to assist with your research on educational and industry certification expectations for culinary professionals on a state-by-state basis, encompassing the United States territories as well.

Educational Preparation: Forsyth Technical Community College's Culinary program provides foundational training in food safety, kitchen operations, and cooking techniques, equipping students for roles in restaurants, hospitality, and institutional foodservice settings.

Certification and Employment: While culinary professionals are not typically licensed by the state, many employers require or prefer ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification or equivalent. Some states and municipalities may mandate food safety certification for managers or workers handling food. Students are encouraged to check local health department regulations and employer expectations.

Forsyth Tech Website   **Additional Resource (1**)   **Additional Resource (2**)

Disclaimer: It is crucial to acknowledge that laws and regulations in the field of Culinary 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 Culinary licensure/certification.

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

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

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