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## Accreditation and Its Relationship to Licensure

**Florida Perspective**

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# Accreditation and Its Relationship to Licensure

## What is DBPR?

- Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation (DBPR)
- Regulate approximately 200 classes of licensed professions and occupations
- 1 out of every 16 Floridians licensee of DBPR

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DBPR also regulates businesses such as hotels, restaurants, elevators, alcoholic beverages and tobacco, professional boxing, pari-mutual wagering, land sales, condominiums and mobile homes.

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- Over 150 of the professions licensed by DBPR require some form of testing or educational certification as delivered or managed by the department.
- In-house Bureau of Testing and Education

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- DBPR Division of Hotels and Restaurants
- License and routinely inspect over 75,000 public lodging and food service establishments



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## Food Manager Certification Program

- 1988 Legislation - first statewide program to mandate food manager certification
- Not a prerequisite to licensure
- State managed program

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## Lessons Learned

- Program challenges and transitions
- Private provider vs. public university
- Involvement with Conference for Food Protection - Food Manager Certification Committee

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- Division goals - consistency & uniformity with national standards
- CFP Standards for Accreditation
- FDA Recognition
- National acceptance of certification



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Florida first again ...

Adoption of CFP Standards for  
Accreditation of Food Protection  
Manager Certification Programs



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- Third party accreditation
- Reduction in division/dept. work load
- Elimination of contract oversight and liability concerns
- Transferal of quality assurance functions and surveillance



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### Positives / Negatives of multi-vendor model

- Positive - acceptance out of state
- Positive - market choice of service
- Negative - limited availability of full market competition
- Negative - limited market in rural areas

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## Questions?

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