Which situation best describes you?

You have held a Wisconsin cheesemaker license within the past 10 years.

You have at least 18 months of work experience as a cheesemaker assistant. (under the supervision of a licensed cheesemaker)

You have at least 12 months of experience as a cheesemaker assistant. (under the supervision of a licensed cheesemaker)

You have at least 6 months of work experience as a cheesemaker assistant. (under the supervision of a licensed cheesemaker)

Within the previous 5 years you have completed at least 240 hours of on-the-job training in the complete process of cheesemaking under the direct supervision of a licensed cheesemaker.

You need to complete one of the following qualifications:

1. Complete a cheesemaking short course at the University of Wisconsin, or an equivalent course from an accredited post-secondary educational institution, within 10 years prior to the current license application.

2. Obtain a 2-year or greater degree, with a food science or equivalent major, from an accredited post-secondary educational institution.

You need to: hold a 4-year or greater degree, with a food science or equivalent major, from the University of Wisconsin or another accredited post-secondary educational institution

You need to complete approved courses in all of the following subjects:

1. Cheesemaking.
2. Production of safe dairy foods.
3. Hazard analysis critical control point (HACCP) process control.
5. Dairy sanitation.

You qualify to take the Wisconsin cheesemaker license exam!

1. Visit the DATCP website
2. Scroll down to Cheesemaker and click “Start the Licensing Process”

The licensing process is under the purview of The State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). Information taken from Chapter ATCP 69

You can find a list of approved courses from CDR here: