



PREREQUISITE PROGRAMS

The World Health Organization defines **prerequisite program** as “practices and conditions needed prior to and during the implementation of HACCP and which are essential for food safety”. Prerequisite programs provide a foundation for an effective HACCP system. They are often facility-wide programs rather than process or product specific. They reduce the likelihood of certain hazards.

Learning objectives:

- Define prerequisite program.
- Describe the relationship between prerequisite programs and the HACCP System.
- Distinguish between a prerequisite program and a CCP.
- Evaluate if the prerequisite program is effective.
- Evaluate that the prerequisite program is being implemented appropriately.
- Identify when a failure to meet a prerequisite program is a noncompliance.
- Describe how often to review the records of a prerequisite program.

