

Bridge to Culinary Arts

Program Location:

Location TBD – includes classroom and commercial kitchen in Salmon Arm.

Program Dates:

TBD – late March 2022 or early April 2022.

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Program Description:

The Bridge to Culinary Arts program is designed to provide students with skills needed for immediate employment in the culinary and hospitality sector. It is a combination of 4 critical components:

- 1) Essential soft skills to build on teamwork and personal accountability in the workplace,
- Essential math skills to support success both in the kitchen and future trades testing requirements,
- 3) Key industry certificates to build on the student's employability and personal safety, and;
- 4) Hands on, practical training for an entry level position in a large kitchen or restaurant setting.

Each Participant will receive:

Essential skills including:

- Communications: Beyond the Basics
- Goal Setting & Time Management
- Working in Teams
- Managing Conflict
- Essential Math Skills
- Employability skills

Industry Certifications, including:

- Foodsafe Level 1
- Occupational First Aid Level 3
- WHMIS
- Serving It Right

Practical hands-on training, including:

Culinary training *

^{*}Full program outline below

CULINARY TRAINING

COURSE OUTLINE

Course Description:

Gain the practical skills and knowledge required for an entry level position in a large kitchen or restaurant setting. Students will become familiar with kitchen layouts, menu planning, food orders and equipment used in everyday cooking for large numbers. This 6-week course offers both classroom and hands-on experience cooking and preparing food.

Topics covered will include:

- Working Conditions
- Inventory of Food and Stock Rotation
- Sanitation and Safety
- Kitchen Tools and Equipment
- Processing, Holding and Storage Equipment
- Menus, Recipes and Cost Management
- Nutrition and Menu Building

- Stocks, Sauces and Soups
- Vegetables, Legumes, Pasta and Potatoes
- Meat, Fish and Poultry
- Wild Game
- Seafood and Shellfish
- Yeast and Quick Breads
- Desserts

Uniform

- white chef's jacket (unisex or women's)*
- checkered cook pants (elastic or zipper)*
- culinary bundle (5 towels, 1 pillbox hat, 2 striped bib aprons, 2 white bib aprons)*
- black non-slip protective footwear (mandatory)

Required tools and equipment

- 10" chef knife
- 7.5" utility knife
- 10" serrated slicer
- 6" flexible boning knife
- 4" paring knife
- 3.5" turning knife
- 12" honing steel
- blade guards (set of 6)

- knife roll
- zester
- swivel peeler
- instant read thermometer
- 1.5" pastry brush
- 4" offset spatula
- piping tips (numbers 9, 11 and 13)
- electronic portion scale

Required Textbooks

- Professional Cooking 9th Canadian Edition
- FoodSafe Level I
- Occupational First Aid Level 3
- WHMIS 2015

Recommended items

- measuring spoons
- 10" offset spatula
- microplane
- fish bone tweezers
- heat resistant oven mitts (strongly rec'd)