



Food Safety and Hygiene | Staff Training | Inventory Management | Menu Development | Supplier Coordination Event Planning | Kitchen Operations Oversight | Cost Control Budgeting | Food Quality Assurance

QUALIFICATIONS PROFILE

Dedicated, creative, and highly skilled chef with extensive experience across diverse culinary environments; backed by solid track record of success in creating exceptional menus, delivering excellent dining experience, and providing customer satisfaction. Skilled at developing innovative, seasonal menus reflecting current food trends and customer preferences, while maintaining food and labor costs within budget. Expert at leading and mentoring kitchen staff to foster a collaborative and high-performing team culture. Known for managing large-scale events, building strong relationships with suppliers, and ensuring seamless execution and exceptional service.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

COMPANY NAME, CITY, STATE

Executive Chef: 2022-Present

- Execute large events, including plated, buffet, and family-style meals, with minimal assistance, preparing the majority of food in-house throughout the year.
- Managed total food sales of \$775,187, achieving an average food cost of 25% and an average labor cost of 18%.

COMPANY NAME, CITY, STATE

Chef de Cuisine: 2018-2022

- Collaborated with the team to redesign the concept of a 400-acre property featuring a new event center, cabins, bungalows, a bar/restaurant, and a hunting lodge.
- Supervised kitchen and food production for weddings, sporting clay tournaments, and hunts on the property.
- Led concept restructuring, including menu creation and costing, staffing, training, and the design of a new banquet booking system.

COMPANY NAME, CITY, STATE

Sous Chef: 2018

- Served as the opening sous chef for a new restaurant in the 106-room Pontchartrain Hotel, which featured three distinct food and beverage outlets and event space.
- Provided hands-on training and development for staff.
- Managed all food ordering and cost percentages.

COMPANY NAME, CITY, STATE

Executive Chef | Head Pit Master: 2017-2018

- Contributed to the restaurant being named one of the "Top 10 Best New Restaurants" by the Times-Picayune in 2017, which led to multiple opportunities to host local events such as the Crawfish Fest and Marley Gras Festival in 2018.
- Reduced food costs from 60% to 30% by implementing product cross-utilization, presiding over waste training, and partnering with purveyors for better pricing.

EDUCATION

Associate's Degree in Culinary Arts

University Name, City, State

Bachelor of Science in Hotel and Restaurant Administration

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