

# Culinary Career Essentials

## Technical Certificate

Learn culinary basics and training for entry-level food service jobs. The program is the core of other certificates and the Culinary Arts program.

## Program Outline

TERM 1		
Course #	Course Title	Credits
1031612500	<b>Culinary Principles</b> Food science principles applied to professional culinary food preparation. Units include professional kitchen operation, recipe terminology, and cooking techniques for various food categories.	3.00
1031612600	<b>Culinary Applications</b> Provides practical experience applying food science principles in food preparation, analysis, and evaluation of preparation techniques. Prerequisites: 1031612500 Culinary Principles (C or better) (concurrent enrollment allowed) and 1031612100 Sanitation and Safety Fundamentals (C or better) (concurrent enrollment allowed).	3.00
1031612200	<b>Sanitation and Safety Basics</b> Learn basic principles of sanitation and safety in order to maintain a safe and healthy food service environment. The course presents laws and regulations related to safety, fire, and sanitation and how to adhere to them in the food service operation. Successful completion of the course enables students to take a national sanitation certification examination.	1.00

**Total Credits: 7.00**

Talk with a Success Coach about the program outline. Together, you will determine if credits you've already earned satisfy any requirements, discuss possible alternative courses, and choose the best classes if you're thinking of transferring.

## At A Glance

## How You'll Learn

## Summer 2026 Start Date

**May 18** - Summer Term Start

**June 15** - Additional Term Start for Select Courses

## Fall 2026 Start Dates

**August 31** - 16-Week Fall Term Start  
**October 26** - Additional 8-Week Term Start for Select Courses

## Spring 2027 Start Dates

**January 11** - 16-Week Spring Term Start  
**March 15** - Additional 8-Week Term Start for Select Courses

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### Program Tuition\*

\$1,352

### Books & Supplies\*

\$276

\*Total cost for degree completion is estimated by current course requirements, books, and supplies. Tuition and fees are set by the Wisconsin Technical College System and subject to change.

► [Potential Indirect Costs](#)

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## What You'll Learn

- Apply safety and sanitation codes to conditions and operations in food service kitchens
- Prepare recipes and formulas to industry standards
- Demonstrate attributes of a culinary professional

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## Your Potential Careers

- Entry-level Food Service

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## Median Annual Salary

\$24,285	\$25,097	\$28,755
Local	State	National

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## Get Started

Your application can be submitted online, it takes just a few minutes to complete.

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