

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	Culinary Principles 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	Culinary Applications 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	Sanitation and Safety Basics 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

Term Starts

Spring 2026
January 12 - 16-Week Spring Term Start

Summer 2026
May 18 - 12-Week Summer Term Start

Start dates represent the beginning of a new term. Certain programs or courses may not be available to start every term. Please view the [course schedules](#) for a list of upcoming classes or contact the Welcome Center at 715-365-4493.

[VIEW FULL ACADEMIC CALENDAR](#)

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](#)

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

Your Potential Careers

- Entry-level Food Service

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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