

Hospitality and Tourism Career Cluster

The Hospitality and Tourism career cluster focuses on the management, marketing, and operations of restaurants, lodging, attractions, recreation events, and travel-related services. This career cluster includes occupations ranging from reservation and transportation ticket agent to event planner and general manager.

Statewide Program of Study: Culinary Arts

The Culinary Arts program of study focuses on occupational and educational opportunities associated with the planning, directing, or coordinating activities of a food and beverage organization or department. This program of study includes opportunities involved in directing and participating in the preparation of food.



Secondary Courses for High School Credit

Level 1 • Introduction to Culinary Arts

Level 2 • Culinary Arts

Level 3 • Advanced Culinary Arts

Level 4 • Practicum in Culinary Arts
• Career Preparation for Programs of Study



Example Postsecondary Opportunities

Associate Degrees

- Culinary Arts
- Baking and Pastry Arts

Bachelor's Degrees

- Hotel/Motel Administration/Management
- Culinary Science

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Organizational Leadership
- Foodservice Systems Administration/Management

Additional Stackable IBCs/License

- Food Manager License



Aligned Advanced Academic Courses

Dual Credit

Dual credit offerings will vary by local educational agency.

Students should be advised to consider these course opportunities to enrich their preparation. AP or IB courses not listed under the Secondary Courses for High School Credit section of this framework document do not count towards concentrator/completer status for this program of study.

Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Work-Based Learning Activities

- Shadow a director of a non-profit that produces and delivers food for communities in need
- Intern at a catering company and learn about food production for large-scale events
- Work part-time in a restaurant as a line cook or chef

Expanded Learning Opportunities

- Participate in FCCLA
- Participate in SkillsUSA
- Participate in American Culinary Association or the Texas Restaurant Association

Aligned Industry-Based Certifications

- Certified Fundamentals Cook
- Certified Fundamentals Pastry Cook
- Hospitality and Tourism Specialist
- Commercial Foods
- Culinary Meat Selection and Cookery Certification
- Food Protection Manager Certification
- Food Safety and Science Certification
- ManageFirst Professional
- Pre-Professional Certification in Culinary Arts
- Pre-Professional Certification in Food Science Fundamentals
- ServSafe Manager

Successful completion of the Culinary Arts program of study will fulfill requirements of the Business and Industry endorsement.



Example Aligned Occupations

Bakers

Median Wage: \$29,466
Annual Openings: 2,942
10-Year Growth: 26%

Chefs and Head Cooks

Median Wage: \$44,761
Annual Openings: 950
10-Year Growth: 37%

General and Operations Managers

Median Wage: \$83,220
Annual Openings: 25,450
10-Year Growth: 23%

Data Source: TexasWages, Texas Workforce Commission. Retrieved 3/8/2024.



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