Poulterer

Job Description:

The **Poulterer** works in a large dining establishment, such as a large restaurant, hotel, banquet, or cruise ship. The poulterer is specifically responsible for all poultry dishes in the establishment. These include chicken, duck, pheasant, pigeon, and other game birds. They would work with the head chef to develop recipes and dishes for the menu, and order poultry for those dishes.

Job Responsibilities:

* Sets up the poulterer station.
* Prepares and cooks all foods when ordered.
* Carves prepared poultry for plating
* Procures all poultry for the restaurant in collaboration with the executive chef and boucher
* Seasons and prepares poultry for cooking
* Stores certain poultry and poultry at the appropriate temperatures in the appropriate containers or wrappings
* Works closely with the boucher chef to prepare poultry
* Marinates poultry based on recipes
* Distinguishes fresh poultry and poultry from unfresh
* Sets up and sees that poulterer station is ready to serve fifteen (15) minutes prior to dinner service.
* Make sure that all food is of the highest possible quality before leaving the window.
* Overseeing see that all food prepared is of consistently high quality and that portions are consistently controlled.
* Covers, dates and neatly stores all poultry and poultry
* Cleans and sanitizes the poultry station.
* Sets up, maintains and breaks down prep station.
* Notifies Sous Chef in advance of all expected shortages.
* Report to work in uniform at posted scheduled times.
* Ensures that work station and equipment are clean and sanitary.
* Adheres to state and local health and safety regulations.
* Maintains neat professional appearance and observes personal cleanliness rules at all times.
* Maintains safety and security in work station.
* Assists with other duties as instructed by the Sous Chef and Executive Sous Chef.
* Inform supervisor of any items that were unfinished before service.
* Properly store all food, which must be covered, dated and rotated on a daily basis to ensure proper portion control and quality.
* Follow all safety procedures for operating and cleaning all machinery at all times.
* Check in with Sous Chef at the beginning of shift for instructions.
* Keep par stocks at proper levels. Increase or decrease production as necessary.
* Inform management of any problems concerning food quality or production control.
* Follow “Clean as you work” policy; responsible for sanitation and cleanliness of station at all times.
* Maintain high standards of quality and appearance for all food prepared and served.
* Wear clean uniform at all times.
* Attend all kitchen employee meetings.
* At the end of the shift, clean entire station, including reach-ins, shelves and steam table.
* Return all unused food to walk-in onto proper shelf
* Check-out with Sous Chef at end of shift
* Keep walk-in clean and organized at all times.
* Clean any kitchen equipment used immediately following its use.
* Must be able to work weekends and holidays as well as overtime.
* Perform other duties as assigned.

Job Qualifications:

* Associates in culinary arts or diploma from accredited culinary institute required
* Bachelors in culinary arts or related field preferred
* Experience as a poulterer

Opportunities as a poulterer are available for applicants without experience in which more than one poulterer is needed in an area such that an experienced poulterer will be present to mentor.

Job Skills Required:

* Working knowledge of the fundamentals of cooking.
* Working knowledge of knives and knife skills.
* Working knowledge of kitchen equipment
* Ability to cook poultry
* Knowledge of poultry and poultry procurement.
* Knowledge of industry standards and regulations
* Knowledge of health department regulations
* Ability to multitask
* Good communication skills
* Able to work calmly under high pressure
* Team Player
* Ability to spot and resolve problems efficiently
* Keep up with cooking trends and best practices
* Working knowledge of various restaurant software programs
* Pleasant, polite manner and a neat and clean appearance.
* Able to work in a fast-paced environment
* Able to multitask, prioritize, and manage time efficiently
* Physical endurance to stand for an entire shift
* Self-motivated and self-directed
* Works well as part of a team and on individual tasks
* Able to quickly memorize complex or multiple orders