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available 1-9:30

Ernesto Mejia

Sous chef position

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: Courteous and respectful culinary professional with 3 years' extensive experience in menu development, food preparation and culinary staff management. Exceptional food preparation skills and a track record of strengthening kitchen operations while maximizing patrons base. Well versed in handling food inventory and ordering supplies. A detail-oriented individual who upholds highest standards for kitchen cleanliness • •

Bilingual: English and Spanish

Willing to relocate: Anywhere

Authorized to work in the US for any employer

WORK EXPERIENCE

Line Cook

Flagship Facility Services, Inc.Facebook - Menlo Park, CA - 2017-04 - Present

Line Cook

Dedicated to quality: inspect and test all food before it is served.

In-depth knowledge of food processing and safety.

Multitasking: Ability to handle multiple stations on the line.

Able to adhere to the precise instructions of the head chef.

Time management.

Maintain a clean and safe station

Line Cook

Marriott Fremont Silicon Valley - Fremont, CA - 2016-01 - 2017-05

- Run day-to-day operations of kitchen
- Develop menu and prepare a wide variety of foods
- Oversee and participate in food preparation and production
- Determine quantities to be cooked and servings to be served
- Keep food expenditure within budget
- Coach, teach and train kitchen staff
- Ensure that the kitchen staff is attired properly and in accordance with the restaurant's guidelines
- Ensured proper sanitation standards

Line Cook

Hilton double tree hotel - Fremont, CA - 2016-06 - 2016-12

Assisted the sous chef with all areas of food production for 100 seat dining facility

- Prepared daily grilled food at poolside restaurant for 150+ guests
- Oversaw team of seven servers
- Planned, coordinated and implemented special events and holiday functions
- Performed cleanliness and hygiene duties in timely manner

EDUCATION

GED in Social Studies

San Jose Community - San Jose, CA
2005 - 2008

SKILLS

knife skills, Problem Solving Skills, customer service, Time Management, Retail, department management, warehouse/inventory

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL CAPABILITIES

- Self-starter with positive attitude
- Flexible schedule
- Strong attention to hazard control points
- Exceptional ability to work with high volumes in a fast paced environment
- Capable of lifting and moving heavy products

Multiple Choice (1 point each)

- C 1) A gallon is equal to _____ ounces
- a. 56
 - b. 145
 - c. 32
 - d. 128
- X 2) Mesclun are what type of vegetable?
- a. Roots
 - b. Beans
 - c. Salad Greens
 - d. Spices
- B 3) What does the term braise mean?
- a. Sear quickly on both sides
 - b. Slowly cook in covered pan with little liquid
 - c. Cook on high heat and quickly
 - d. Slowly cook in simmering water
- B 4) At what internal temperature must chicken be cooked so that it is safe to eat?
- a. 155 degrees F
 - b. 165 degrees F
 - c. 175 degrees F
 - d. 185 degrees F
- A 5) How do you blanche vegetables?
- a. Immerse for a short time in boiling water
 - b. Cook lightly in butter over med heat
 - c. Soak in cold water overnight
 - d. Rub with salt before cooking
- A 6) Which of the following ingredients would you pack before measuring?
- a. Olive Oil
 - b. Salt
 - c. Brown Sugar
 - d. White Sugar
- A 7) What is Al Dente?
- a. Firm but not hard
 - b. Soft to the touch
 - c. Very hard
 - d. Very soft
- C 8) Food should be left out no more than
- a. 2 hours
 - b. 3 hours
 - c. 4 hours
 - d. 5 hours

Prep Cooks Test

- A 9) Which is the improper way to thaw frozen food?
- a. In the fridge
 - b. In a sink with cold water
 - c. On the counter
 - d. In the microwave
- C 10) Which of the following can you use to put out a grease fire?
- a. Baking Soda
 - b. Baking Powder
 - c. Flour
 - d. Water
- B 11) What is the temperature range of the danger zone?
- a. 25-135
 - b. 40-140
 - c. 50-160
 - d. 30-130
- D 12) Which of the following is listed from smallest to largest?
- a. Dice, chop, mince
 - b. Mince, chop, dice
 - c. Chop, dice, Mince
 - d. Mince, dice, chop
- B 13) Which direction should pan handles be turned while cooking on the stove?
- a. Over the fire at all times
 - b. Turned towards you for better control
 - c. Turned towards the right or left at all times
 - d. Over the countertop at all times
- C 14) When you poach something, you cook it with what?
- a. Noodles
 - b. Vegetables
 - c. Liquid
 - d. Oil
- b 15) Which spoon is used to remove fat from soups and stews
- a. Basting Spoon
 - b. Ladle
 - c. Slotted Spoon
 - d. Portion Spoon
- A 16) Which of the following means to cook in a small amount of fat?
- a. Season
 - b. Sauté
 - c. Broil
 - d. Boil
 - e. Fry

Prep Cooks Test

A

17) What is a Julien cut?

- a. Food cut into long thin strips, matchstick
- b. Food cut into long thin strips then turned and cut into a 1/8' dice
- c. Food diced into finely chopped and uniform pieces
- d. Cutting and peeling into oblong seven sided football like shapes

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18) To cook a food in a pan without browning over low heat until the item softens and releases moisture.

- a. Sweat
- b. Boil
- c. Roast
- d. Grill

Fill-in the Blank (1 point each)

19) Salt & pepper are the basic seasoning ingredients for all savory recipes.

20) chop: to cut into very small pieces when uniformity of size and shape is not important.

Multiple Choice Test (1 point each)

- B 1) How much time should you take to wash your hands with soap?
- a) 1 minute
 - b) 20 seconds
 - c) Time does not matter, water temperature does
 - d) 5 minutes
- C 2) The recommended temperature for your refrigerator is...
- a) 45°F
 - b) 50°F
 - c) 40°F
 - d) 20°F
- D 3) Food handlers must always wash their hands
- a) Before starting work
 - b) Switching between handling raw and ready-to-eat food
 - c) After going to the restrooms
 - d) All of the above
- D 4) The most important reason for having food handlers wear hair restraints is to
- a) Prevent food from getting into food handlers' hair
 - b) Prevent food handlers from contaminating their hands by touching their hair
 - c) Keep the food handlers' hair in place
 - d) None of the above
- C 5) Which of these conditions requires immediate corrective action?
- a) Packaged food items are stored at least 6 inches above the floor
 - b) Ice is being used to cool beef stew in a shallow pan
 - c) Raw meats are stored on a shelf above ready-to-eat egg salad in the walk-in cooler
 - d) Raw fish is stored above raw chicken in the walk-in freezer
- C 6) Bacteria grow best in the temperature "danger zone" which includes temperatures between?
- a) 0°F and 100°F
 - b) 32°F and 220°F
 - c) 41°F and 135°F
 - d) 39°F and 178°F
- D 7) After cutting raw chicken, what should be done before the cutting board is used for slicing onions for salad?
- a) Clean the cutting board with a wet wiping cloth
 - b) Turn the board over and use the other side
 - c) Rinse the board with running water
 - d) Wash, rinse, and sanitize the board prior to slicing the onions
- A 8) Which of the following is NOT an approved method to thaw potentially hazardous foods?
- a) In a microwave oven
 - b) During the cooking process
 - c) Under cool running water
 - d) On a clean counter, at room temperature
- C 9) Wiping cloths stored submerged in a bucket of sanitizing solution are for:
- a) Wiping spills only
 - b) Washing hands if the hand sinks are too far away
 - c) Sanitizing the blade of utensils such as knives
 - d) Maintaining moisture on the wiping cloth

Grill Cooks Test

e 10) Food-handling gloves must be changed frequently and also:

- a) After handling garbage
- b) After every break
- c) After picking things up off the floor
- d) Between handling raw and cooked foods
- e) All of the above

e 11) A Julienne is:

- a) to cut food into 1 inch X 1 inch cubes
- b) A cooking method using high heat
- c) To cut food into 1/8 X 1/8 slices
- d) A rough cutting method producing oblong shapes

c 12) A gallon is equal to _____ ounces

- a) 56
- b) 145
- c) 32
- d) 128

b 13) How many cups are in a quart?

- a) 2
- b) 4
- c) 6
- d) 8

c 14) A Chiffonade is:

- a) To slice an herb or leafy vegetable into thin ribbons
- b) To de bone a fish
- c) Another name for parchment paper
- d) To cook food in liquid, or at just below the boiling point

A 15) Potentially hazardous hot foods must be maintained at an internal temperature of _____ or higher to be safe

- a) 145° F
- b) 135° F
- c) 160° F
- d) 180° F

e 16) Which of the following explains the process of poaching?

- a) Poke poultry on the thickest part in order to make sure it's tender
- b) To cook food in an oven that has reached 350° F
- c) Cook gently in water that is hot but not boiling (160°-180°)
- d) Submerge protein in boiling liquid to speed cooking time

c 17) If a recipe calls for 16oz of mirepoix, how many ounces of onion, celery, and carrots do you need?

- a) 8 oz of celery, 4 oz of onion, 4 oz of carrot
- b) 4 oz of celery, 8 oz of carrot, 4 oz of onion
- c) 4 oz of celery, 8 oz of onion, 4 oz of carrot
- d) 2 oz of celery, 10 oz of carrot, 2 oz of onion

b 18) Which of the following best describes braising?

- a) To cook quickly in a pan on top of the stove until food is browned
- b) Process through which natural sugars in food become browned and flavorful while cooking
- c) Cooking method by which food is browned in fat, then cooked, tightly covered, in liquid at low heat
- d) To plunge food into boiling water briefly, then into cold water to stop the cooking process

Grill Cooks Test

A 19) Which of the following best describes the process of Caramelization?

- a) To cook quickly in a pan on top of the stove until food is browned
- b) Process through which natural sugars in food become browned and flavorful while cooking
- c) Cooking method by which food is browned in fat, then cooked, tightly covered, in liquid at low heat
- d) To plunge food into boiling water briefly, then into cold water to stop the cooking process

C 20) What temperature should chicken be cooked to?

- a) 145°F
- b) 155°F
- c) 165°F
- d) 175°F

Q 21) What temperature should ALL ground meat be cooked to?

- a) 145°F
- b) 155°F
- c) 165°F
- d) 175°F

A 22) What temperature should fish be cooked to?

- a) 145°F
- b) 155°F
- c) 165°F
- d) 175°F

23) What is a roux and what is it used for? (2 points)

its flower and butter
and it thickens up
sauces and soups

-1 24) What is the process of making clarified butter, and why is clarified butter used? (3 points)

to cook all kinds of food

25) What are the 5 mother sauces? (5 points)

1. hollandaise
2. bechamel
3. veloute
4. tomato
5. espumol - demiglace

3 26) What does it mean to season a grill and why is this process important? (3 points)

I'm still learning

27) What are the ingredients in Hollandaise sauce? (5 points)

egg yolks lemon juice tabasco
clarified butter

