

Catering and Hospitality

Professional Cookery

Campus: Rotherham College

Code: R17SP01

Level: 1

About This Course

Become a professional chef by completing this level one qualification. You will gain a high standard of cookery skills from processes such as roasting and frying to commodities, whilst also learning other workplace essentials like menu design.

This Diploma in Professional Cookery is for anyone who works or wants to work as a chef in the catering and hospitality sector. It is ideal for learners coming straight from school or adults who wish to seek a career in this industry.

During your time on this course you will be expected to work during Wednesday and Thursday evenings cooking and serving food for customers dining in our College restaurant.

What Will I Study?

You will study a range of topics including:

- Unit 601 Introduction to the catering and hospitality Industry
- Unit 202 Food safety in catering
- Unit 603 Health and Safety awareness for catering and hospitality
- Unit 604 Introduction to healthier foods and special diets
- Unit 605 Introduction to Kitchen equipment
- Unit 606 Introduction to personal workplace skills
- Unit 607 Prepare and cook food by boiling, poaching and steaming
- Unit 608 Prepare and cook food by stewing and braising

Why Study Here?

By studying at Level 1 you are getting the best start to your catering career.

We are registered with World Skills, enter inter-college competitions and we have organised trips to food shows.

You will gain valuable work experience in the commercial restaurant The Wharncliffe.

Students who achieve will go onto Level 2 Professional Cookery with a progression to route Level 3.

They will gain the key skills and behaviours to become an inspirational leader/chef.

Entry Requirements

A minimum of GCSE grade 3 in English and Maths. Learners will be taken on merit after initial assessment and a cooking trial. Relevant work experience will also be taken into consideration.

How To Apply

You can apply using our online application form and clicking the **Apply Now** button at the top of this page.

For more information support with your enquiry or application please contact Student Services by emailing info@rotherham.ac.uk or by calling **01709 362111**.

What Courses Can I Progress Onto?

- Level 2 Professional Cookery
- Level 2 Food and Beverage

Tuition Fees

- 16-18 year olds do not need to pay course fees

- Those aged 19 or over may not need to pay fees depending on their circumstances. Find out if you qualify for help with your fees [<https://www.rotherham.ac.uk/course-fees/>] .

If you need further advice or guidance please contact the Enquiries Team on **01709 362111**.

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