

Job Description: Executive Sous Chef
Department: Food and Beverage
Reports to: Director of Food and Beverage
FLSA Status: Exempt



Fort Worden
— PORT TOWNSEND —
A HISTORIC GATHERING PLACE

Position Summary: The Executive Sous Chef is responsible for all aspects of the kitchen such as menu plans, operations, recipes, financial responsibility, portion and inventory control, food quality, and employee supervision. The Executive Sous Chef provides leadership training and hands-on management of the kitchen staff. The Executive Sous Chef is in charge of executing the food in the main kitchen, drives menu design and kitchen creativity and is responsible for growing and developing the product and profitability of the food service program. The Executive Sous Chef provides a consistent product and experience achieving revenue targets and managing costs as well as ensures all staff under direct supervision are focused and demonstrating a Guest Centric attitude and culture. In addition to maintaining our vision by adhering to our values and management principles, this position must provide the highest level of service to our guests.

Principal Duties and Responsibilities

The Executive Sous Chef is responsible to assist the Executive Chef with overall kitchen operation as a successful independent profit center, ensuring maximum guest satisfaction, through planning, organizing, directing, and controlling the Kitchen operation and administration.

Exhibits culinary talents by personally performing tasks while assisting in leading the staff and managing all food related functions. Also Assists in supervising all kitchen areas to ensure a consistent, high quality product is produced.

Executive Sous Chef Duties and Responsibilities:

Interacts with guests to obtain feedback on product quality and service levels.

Responds to and handles guest problems and complaints.

Able to make recommendations to the Executive Chef regarding succession planning.

To be aware of all financial budgets and goals.

To ensure that guests are always receiving an exceptional dining experience representing true value for money.

Ensure that all recipes and product yields are accurately costed and reviewed regularly.

Ensure that all food items are prepared as per standard recipe cards whilst maintaining portion control and minimizing waste.

Ensure that food stock levels within the culinary department areas are of sufficient quantity and quality in relevance to the hotel occupancy and function forecasts.

Ensure that chefs are always in clean tidy uniforms and are always presentable to be in guest view.

Ensure that all food preparation equipment is being used safely and correctly and that it is cleaned and maintained.

Ensure that all culinary operations manuals are prepared and updated.

Ensure that the Department's overall operational budgets are strictly adhered to.

Ensure that the culinary department adheres to all Fort Worden policies and procedures.

Ensure that a consistent first-class product of the highest quality is achieved and maintained in all culinary areas, whilst adhering to operational deadlines.

Ensure that meetings are well planned and results-orientated.

Creative menu planning and correct food preparation for each outlet including banquets.

To work in close conjunction with the F&B Director and Executive Chef, to create a yearly marketing Plan for the outlet.

Ensure that all relevant banquet set-ups are prepared ahead of guest's arrival and in adherence with company standards.

Be aware of new items, which are introduced onto the market and keep up with the latest product trends.

To fully understand the market needs and desires for each outlet and ensure that the menus are developed to reflect those needs.

To initiate relevant maintenance reports and work orders supported by the respective follow up of those items actioned.

To manage associates fairly and take a personal interest in knowing all culinary associates.

To project a positive and motivated attitude among all associates.

To spend time in the restaurant to ensure that the operation is managed well by the outlet team.

To frequently verify that only the highest quality products are used in food preparation.

To Ensure that all food products received into the Main Kitchen are of the required standard and quality and that they are stored and rotated correctly.

Responsible for the supervision of all stewards and their activities within the culinary department.

Ensure that weekly work schedules and annual leave planners are administered and filed correctly.

Ensure that the overall culinary department is motivated and that positive feedback on work performance is given.

To delegate responsibilities to subordinates as required.

Coach and counsel employees in a timely manner and in accordance with Company policy.

To act as manager on duty for the Culinary department as scheduled.

To recruit and select a suitable culinary team who are able to work within a decentralized management philosophy.

Identify strengths and weaknesses and provide timely feedback to the individual.

Minimum Qualifications

1. Culinary Certificate or Degree by an accredited culinary agency preferred
2. Serve Safe Certification
3. 7-10 years' experience in an professional busy kitchen, pubs and restaurant environment
4. Strong preference for a chef who already locally sources their ingredients
5. Able to deliver and exceed the expectations of a highly demanding clientele
6. Ability to obtain and/or maintain any government required licenses, certificates or permits
7. Professional appearance and manner, good character to work in a fast-paced team
8. Positive, honest, and energetic work ethic
9. Food Service Card Issued by the State of Washington
10. Solid track record of success; demonstrating upward career tracking
11. Able to work ten hour-plus shifts plus the ability to stand, sit or walk for extended periods of time
12. Able to grasp, lift and/or carry up to 50 lbs. as needed
13. Finger/hand dexterity to operate kitchen machinery, knives, etc.
14. Able to withstand changes in temperature, occasional smoke, steam and heat and work in a confined area
15. Must possess hearing, visual and sensory abilities to observe and detect emergency situations; also to distinguish product, taste texture, temperature and presentation and preparation

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

1. Strong communication skills
2. Strong leadership skills, ability to motivate teams to produce consistently great food
3. Adept at working effectively in high energy and busy environments and works well under pressure
4. Willing and able to work evenings, weekends and holidays
5. Can work on own as well as part of a team
6. Passion for good food, local ingredients and quality customer experiences
7. Excellent knife skills
8. Must love and enjoy working with food
9. Ability to portion control on a large scale

Key Competencies

Key competencies include management, manages times well, communication, give clear and effective direction, produce large quantities of food well, attention to detail, integrity, honesty, problem solving, reliability, adaptability, and efficiency. Adhering to our Core Values includes being guest-centric, teamwork, respect, pro-active, accountable, learning and sustainable. As a manager at the Fort you are also held accountable for our Management Principles: communicate, lead, achieve, delegate, improve, mentor and inspire.

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