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#### **OBJECTIVE**

A culinary student with industry experience seeking a three-month internship at an upscale restaurant.

### **EDUCATION**

Kendall College at National Louis University, Chicago, IL

July 2020 - Present

Candidate for Associate of Applied Science, Culinary Arts

Inspiration Kitchens, Chicago, IL

**Graduated August 2018** 

Completion of a 12-week culinary training program

#### PROFESSIONAL FOOD SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Island Vybes, Calumet Park, IL

July 2022- Present

Chef

- Prepared made to order menu items including tacos, sandwiches, and salads
- Grilled various proteins, vegetables, and bread in a timely manner
- Stored and labeled products according to company protocol and first-in-first-out rule
- Utilized knife skills to chop, dice, julienne, and slice vegetables, fruits, and proteins
- Cleaned and sanitized kitchen equipment and stations during and after each shift

#### Brown Bag Seafood, Chicago, IL

February 2019 – June 2020

Team Member

- Prepared made to order menu items including tacos, sandwiches, soups, and salads
- Expedited orders effectively to ensure accuracy and that 7-minute ticket times are met
- Assembled veggie and grain boxes according to customer orders
- Grilled various proteins, vegetables, and bread in a timely manner
- Stored and labeled products according to company protocol and first-in-first-out rule

## Chicago Athletic Association Hotel, Chicago, IL

November 2018 - October 2019

**Garde Manger** 

- Prepared individual front line stations by preparing sauces, chopping vegetables and fruits
- Worked Garde Manger front line station and effectively prepare made-to-order menu items
- Communicated effectively with teammates and fill in other front line stations as needed
- Stored and labeled products according to company protocol and first-in-first-out rule

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Utilized kitchen equipment including blender, salamander, robot coupe, and oven

### Inspiration Kitchens, Chicago, IL

**July 2018 – September 2018** 

**Culinary Intern** 

- Utilized knife skills to chop, dice, julienne, and slice vegetables, fruits, and proteins
- Assisted catering chef with preparing large catering orders for on- and off-site events
- Completed prep work and followed precise recipes for restaurant and catering orders
- Worked various front line stations including Garde Manger, Flattop, Sauté, and Grill
- Cleaned and sanitized kitchen equipment and stations during and after each shift

## Panera Bread, River Forest, IL

**January 2018 - August 2018** 

Prep Cook

- Weighed out proteins and eggs for front line according to company standards
- Utilized knife skills to prep a variety of proteins, fruits, and vegetables
- Stocked and rotated coolers daily to ensure ease of access of all products
- Maintained a clean and organized station and completed end-of-shift cleaning
- Ensured that coffee was made fresh hourly for customers
- Prepared, assembled, and served meals accurately in less than 5 minutes

## Portillo's Hot Dogs, Tinley Park, IL

**September 2014 – July 2015** 

Expediter

- Took 100+ customer orders daily at the drive-thru and recorded accurately
- Assisted with the preparation of food by setting up line stations
- Verified that food met restaurant standards before serving to customers

## **CERTIFICATES**

**ServSafe Food Protection Managers** 

**Expires January 2024** 

BASSET Expires September 2024

ServSafe Allergens Expires January 2024

## STAGE EXPERIENCE

**Chicago Athletic Association Hotel** 

October 2018

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