

Cook

Definition:

Under close supervision, to do quantity cooking in a county institution; and to perform related work as required.

Cook is the entry level classification in the Cook series. Positions in this class normally involve the performance of closely supervised routine and repetitive tasks according to established procedures. While a variety of tasks may be assigned, each step usually follows a pattern which has been established and explained; in the event exceptions arise, the employee is expected to ask for directions. Those who successfully complete training and meet the minimum requirements for Cook.

Essential Functions:

- Prepares, cooks, and seasons soups, meats, fish, poultry, vegetables, desserts and other foods.
- Follows master recipes in the preparation of food.
- Prepares food for freezing; operates grill, deep fat fryer, steam cooker, slicers, mixers and other related equipment.
- Assists in cleaning equipment and area after meals.
- Serves food.
- Performs other job related functions as required.

Employment Standards:

Minimum Qualifications:

- One year of experience as a cook in a full service restaurant or an institutional kitchen preparing food in quantity or one year of experience as a Food Service Worker II or a combination of education, training and/or experience sufficient to obtain the knowledge and skills to successfully perform the essential duties of the job.

Knowledge of: the methods of preparing food in large quantities and considerable variety; kitchen sanitation and food storage; and personal cleanliness and neatness.

Ability to: read, understand and follow recipes and prepare quantities of food required with a minimum of waste; accurately record information regarding menus and supplies; organize work and establish priorities in preparing meals.

A background check may be conducted for this classification.

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All Kern County employees are designated "Disaster Service Workers" through state and local laws (CA Government Code Sec. 3100-3109 and Ordinance Code Title 2-Administration, Ch. 2.66 Emergency Services.) As Disaster Service Workers, all County employees are expected to remain at work, or to report for work as soon as practicable following a significant emergency or disaster.