

Natalie Sharp

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SUMMARY

Passionate culinary expert specializing in Indian cuisine brings over five years of experience in high-quality food preparation. Skilled at adhering to food safety standards while ensuring the delivery of exceptional dining experiences. Demonstrated ability in collaborating with teams, maintaining a clean and organized kitchen, and successfully managing inventory. Eager to apply expertise in contributing positively while creating authentic dishes that honor traditional flavors and presentation. Dedicated to continual improvement and fostering teamwork amongst kitchen staff, enhancing overall workplace efficiency.

EXPERIENCE

Indian Cuisine Chef

January 2022 - Present

Spice Route Kitchen

Fort Worth, TX

Lead culinary creation at this popular restaurant, focusing on authentic Indian cuisine with an emphasis on quality and flavor. Guided junior staff while maintaining operational standards at a fast-paced establishment.

- Crafted intricate Indian dishes utilizing traditional recipes, ensuring flavorful outcomes and appealing presentations.
- Executed safe food handling procedures rigorously, aligning with HACCP standards to meet health regulations.
- Collaborated with kitchen colleagues to optimize workflow, resulting in faster service times and improved customer satisfaction.
- Oversaw inventory management, proactively addressing supply needs and ensuring efficient kitchen operations.
- Trained and supported new team members in cooking techniques and established safety practices.
- Conducted tasting sessions for dishes prior to serving, guaranteeing adherence to seasonal menus and taste profiles.

Line Cook

June 2018 - December 2021

Culinary Delight Restaurant

Arlington, TX

Contributed to every aspect of kitchen duties, developing skills in Indian dish preparation and kitchen processes in a supportive role under supervision.

- Supported chefs in preparing diverse Indian specialties by following standardized recipes closely.
- Managed portions efficiently for dine-in and takeout services, focusing on achieving high customer satisfaction levels.
- Participated in routine kitchen cleanliness tasks, helping foster a hygienic environment consistently.
- Engaged actively in team discussions for menu innovation, incorporating seasonal ingredients harmoniously.
- Maintained kitchen equipment, reporting issues promptly to maintain uninterrupted operations.
- Participated in continuous training sessions, sharing knowledge with peers and exploring best practices in culinary arts.

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- ServSafe Food Handler Certification, earned in 2022.
- Achieved HACCP Certification in 2023.

EDUCATION

Culinary Arts Diploma

2021

Dallas Culinary Institute GPA: 3.8

Dallas, TX

Coursework: Food Preparation, Safety Standards, Menu Development, Kitchen Management

CERTIFICATIONS

- ServSafe Food Handler Certification 📅 2022
- HACCP Certification 📅 2023

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Culinary Software:** ChefTec, BlueCart, JustAsk
- **Kitchen Equipment:** Oven, Grill, Fryer
- **Food Preparation Tools:** Knives, Food Processors, Graters
- **Cleaning Protocols:** HACCP, Sanitation Best Practices, Risk Management Strategies
- **Cooking Techniques:** Sautéing, Baking, Steaming
- **Plating and Presentation:** Garnishing, Portioning Techniques, Decorative Plate Arrangements
- **Food Storage Regulations:** FIFO, Temperature Control, Safe Food Handling Codes

- **Supply Chain Management:** Inventory Tracking, Supplier Relations, Procurement Procedures
- **Nutritional Standards:** Dietary Restrictions Awareness, Nutritional Analysis, Allergen Management
- **Team Management:** Kitchen Staff Coordination, Task Assignment, Training Programs

SKILLS

- Indian Cuisine Preparation
- Menu Development
- Service Quality Assurance
- Cooking Techniques
- Food Safety Standards
- Team Leadership
- Customer Interaction
- Scheduling Coordination
- Kitchen Management
- Recipe Modifications
- Quality Control Tasting
- Staff Training
- Inventory Control
- Equipment Maintenance
- Hygiene Compliance

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Active member of Texas Chefs Association, participating in local culinary events.
- Volunteered as a culinary instructor for community workshops, sharing passion for cooking with others.

LANGUAGES

- English (Native)
- Hindi (Proficient)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Work Status : Authorized to work in United States. No sponsorship required.

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST