

Somerset County Vo-Tech Program Overview

Culinary Arts





The Culinary Arts program includes sanitation, nutrition, safety, preparation of meats, fish, poultry, soups, potato and vegetable dishes, desserts, cakes, and pastries. Emphasis is placed on presentation, technique, and professionalism. Graduates of the program may continue their education at colleges offering culinary arts or hotel and restaurant management programs. Students work in our professional grade kitchen facilities and the school's working Trade Wins restaurant. Students also have the opportunity to acquire college credits through an articulation agreement with Johnson & Wales University.

Curriculum:

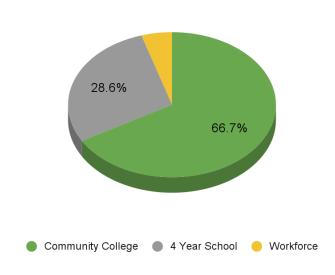
- Year 1: Introduction to Cooking and Baking Applications, and Service/Hospitality Concepts
- Year 2: Food Preparation and Service Techniques
- Year 3: Advanced Food Preparation and Advanced Dining Room Service
- Year 4: Food Service and Hospitality Industry

Classes meet for 3 periods/2 hours per day, 5 days a week Average number of new students accepted per year: 16

Opportunity for professional certifications: ServSafe Food Production Manager Certificate in their Senior year

Opportunity to earn college credits: YES

Culinary Arts Student Plans at Graduation



Future Careers

Prep/Line Cook/Chef Caterer Baker Restaurant Wait Staff Restaurant Manager Hotel/Motel Manager Banquet Manager

Recent Student Post-Secondary Destinations

Culinary Institute of America
Johnson & Wales University
Hudson County Community College
Atlantic Cape May Community College
Raritan Valley Community College
Ramapo College of New Jersey
The Palace Banquet Hall
Wegmans Food Stores
The Olive Garden



SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA helps each student excel by providing educational programs, events and competitions that support career and technical education (CTE) in the nation's classrooms.

SCVTHS students have the opportunity to compete for state and national recognition in the annual SkillsUSA competitions.

Recent Awards

2018 Gold Medal 2021 Gold Medal

NJ Restaurant Service Competition NJ Commercial Baking Competition





All Somerset County Vocational & Technical School programs are supported by a community advisory panel. The Culinary Arts advisory panel members are:

Robert Tremblay - Culinary Institute of America
Ariana Carbonaro - Culinary Institute of America
Linda Wohlman - Atlantic Cape Community College
Janine Nunez - Hudson County Community College
Josh Bamford - Wegmans Human Resources Coordinator
Morgan Bizub - Harvest Restaurant Group
Aaron Josephs - Edward Don & Company
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