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Q What is a chef?

A A chef is typically responsible for all aspects of managing a kitchen and/or an entire foodservice operation. Chefs are experts in all aspects of food preparation, from safety and sanitation to presentation, as well as managers of the operations supervised.

Q What duties does a chef perform?

A Chefs routinely perform the following duties:

- Hire and train kitchen staff
- Develop new menu items
- Purchase mass quantities of food
- Supervise food preparation in the kitchen for regular, daily sales as well as special, catering events
- Perform inventory inspections to control food costs

Q Where does a chef work?

A A chef may work in:

- Restaurants
- Hotels
- Casinos
- City clubs
- Country clubs
- Hospitals

Q What is the income potential for a chef?

A Income for chefs varies with the employing company. The median income for the U.S. is \$27,000 and the median income in the Memphis Metropolitan area for chefs is \$28,150 but for graduates of Southwest Hospitality Management is \$28,400.

Q What will the hospitality management - culinary arts degree allow me to do?

A Earn an Associate of Applied Science Degree at Southwest and enter the job market immediately after graduation:

- Start a career in the culinary industry with additional knowledge and expertise needed to move forward in the field
- With the degree from Southwest and a few years experience, chefs are ready to test for their first certification with the American Culinary Federation

Q What is Southwest's employment rate for graduates of the hospitality management - culinary arts program?

A Southwest's employment rate for graduates of the hospitality management program generally exceeds 97 percent each year.





Q Why choose the hospitality management program at Southwest?

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- Fully accredited programs by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
 - Small classes for more personalized attention
 - Flexible class schedules available at multiple campuses, centers, sites; and distance learning opportunities
 - Affordable tuition
 - Support services, including career counseling, free tutoring and career services, financial aid, job opportunity assistance and on-site child care services

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Q How do I apply for admission to Southwest?

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- Complete application for Southwest.
 - Submit your application and pay \$5 application fee to Bursar's Office.
 - Request that an "official" copy of your high school/GED scores, college transcript(s) be sent to:
*Southwest Tennessee Community College
P.O. Box 780, Memphis, TN 38101-0780*
 - Apply for financial aid (if applicable).
 - Complete testing requirements.
 - Complete new student orientation, either online or on campus.
 - Review the College's academic calendar or printed schedule of classes for registration dates, times and locations.
 - Meet with academic advisor.
 - Register for classes online, via TRAVIS or in person.
 - Pay your fees or ensure that your financial aid is in place for your course.

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