#### **Kitchen Roles**

- Cook: A cook in a professional kitchen is responsible for preparing, cooking, and presenting food items on the menu.
- Sous Chef: A sous chef is the second-in-command in a professional kitchen, responsible for overseeing food preparation and kitchen staff.
- Line Cook: A line cook is a chef responsible for preparing and cooking specific dishes on the menu in a professional kitchen.
- Prep Cook: A prep cook is responsible for preparing ingredients, such as chopping vegetables or marinating meats, before they are cooked.
- Dishwasher: A dishwasher is a vital role in a professional kitchen responsible for cleaning and sanitizing dishes, utensils, and kitchen equipment.
- Kitchen Manager: A kitchen manager is responsible for overseeing the operations of a professional kitchen, including staff management, food preparation, and inventory control.
- Chef: A chef is a highly skilled professional responsible for overseeing the preparation of food in a professional kitchen setting.

## **Cooking stations**

- Grill: A grill in a professional kitchen is a cooking station equipped with a grilling surface for cooking meats and vegetables.
- Sauté Station: Sauté station: A cooking station in a professional kitchen dedicated to sautéing food quickly in a skillet or pan.
- Pasta Station: A pasta station is a designated area in a professional kitchen where chefs prepare and cook various types of pasta dishes.
- Carving Station: A carving station is a designated area in a professional kitchen where large cuts of meat are carved to order.
- Fryer: A fryer is a cooking station in professional kitchens used for deep-frying foods such as French fries, chicken, and donuts.
- Salad Station: A designated area in a professional kitchen where salads are prepared, composed, and plated for service to customers.
- Omelette Station: An omelette station is a designated area in a professional kitchen where omelettes are custom-made to order for customers.

## **Prep stations**

- Mise En Place: Mise en place refers to the practice of organizing and preparing ingredients and tools before cooking in a professional kitchen.
- Prep Table: A prep table is a surface in a professional kitchen used for preparing and assembling ingredients for cooking dishes.
- Portioning Tools: Portioning tools in professional kitchens are utensils or equipment used to accurately measure and divide ingredients for recipes.
- Knife Station: A designated area in a professional kitchen where knives are stored, organized, and easily accessible for food preparation tasks.

## Service and plating stations

- Service: In professional kitchens, service refers to the process of preparing and serving food to customers at a restaurant or catering event.
- Plating: Plating refers to the arrangement and presentation of food on a plate, typically done at a designated station in professional kitchens.
- Presentation: Presentation refers to the visual arrangement of food on a plate or serving station in a professional kitchen setting.
- Garnish: Garnish refers to the decorative elements added to a dish before serving, enhancing its appearance, flavor, and overall presentation.
- Expedite: Expedite in professional kitchens means to prioritize and speed up the preparation and delivery of dishes to customers efficiently.

# **Cleaning stations**

- Cleaning Station: A designated area in a professional kitchen where dishes, utensils, and kitchen equipment are cleaned and sanitized.
- Kitchen Hygiene: Kitchen hygiene in professional kitchens refers to maintaining cleanliness and sanitation standards to prevent food contamination and ensure food safety.
- Food Safety: Food safety in cleaning stations refers to maintaining proper sanitation and hygiene practices to prevent contamination and ensure safe food preparation.
- Degreasing: Degreasing in professional kitchens refers to the process of removing grease and oil from surfaces, equipment, or utensils.
- Sterilizing: Sterilizing in professional kitchens refers to the process of killing bacteria and other pathogens on surfaces and equipment.

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