

## Cook

Reports to: Food Service Supervisor

## Qualifications:

- 1. Cook 1, 2 or 3 designation.
- 2. Experience in quantity food preparation.
- 3. Familiar with Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Eating and therapeutic diets.
- 4. Ability to direct and supervise others.
- 5. Ability to understand oral and written directions.
- 6. Ability to lift heavy objects, and stand and walk short distances throughout the day and tolerate heat from the kitchen area.
- 7. Must be free of communicable diseases.
- 8. Familiar with Hazardous Analysis Critical Control Point (HCCAP), Workplace Hazardous Material Information System (WHMIS), Occupational Health and Safety, and Sanitation Code.

## **Functions:**

- 1. To prepare and serve nutritious meals for residents in a safe and attractive manner.
- 2. To work within a set budget, limit waste and adhere to facility policies and procedures.

- 3. Be knowledgeable of and practice facility's fire and safety programs.
- 4. Review regular and therapeutic menus. Set-up equipment and supplies for daily food production. Prepare food following standardized recipes. Ensure meals are served on time, at appropriate temperatures and in portion controlled quantities.
- 5. Sample the food prior to each meal to determine palatability.
- 6. Assume responsibility for routine departmental operations in the absence of the Food Services Manager including: menu changes as necessary (ensuring that these changes follow departmental procedures), staff replacements, purchase and receive foods and supplies and place service calls for malfunctioning equipment, following departmental procedures.
- 7. Monitor the quality of food supplies and the proper operation of the kitchen equipment. Alert Manager of Food Services to problems and make recommendations concerning corrective actions.
- 8. Maintain required records in the absence of the Food Service Supervisor, e.g. menu changes, purchase orders, delivery receipts, and temperatures checks.
- 9. Responsible for the clear and correct labelling of excess food.
- 10. Supervise and direct Dietary Aides during basic food preparation and meal service.
- 11. Adhere to established policies and procedures.
- 12. Perform duties as outlined and any other related duties that may be assigned from time to time.
- 13. Check and record food temperatures daily as per Health Promotion Act
- 14. Train new staff in safe food preparation practices.