

Experienced Cook for a Community Retreat Center

Resting on 380 mountaintop acres, Mount Madonna Center is a place for reflection, learning and developing deeper connections to earth, self and others. Visit our website for additional information: www.mountmadonna.org

Job Summary

If you are an enthusiastic cook, with experience cooking for 50-150 people, and are excited about creating delicious vegan/vegetarian cuisine, Mount Madonna Center (MMC) would be delighted to hear from you. We are currently rebuilding our staff and preparing to relaunch to groups and retreats, after being closed to the public since March 2020. Our kitchen and retreat operations are moving through a phased reopening toward a September full relaunch date, so the pace of work in the MMC kitchen would be gradually increasing. The position will eventually be fast-paced, and you would be working in a beautiful, spacious kitchen with supportive staff in a collaborative work environment. Knowledge of Spanish preferable.

We are seeking someone who can plan and cook healthy food, while working as part of a team and directing other prep staff to produce quality meals.

Job Responsibilities

- Cooking for 40-50 residents. This number will significantly increase when the Center reopens to guests over the next few months.
- Managing and supporting prep staff, which involves leading and training employees as well as volunteers, and delegating as necessary.
- Following and enhancing recipes, and developing recipes for new menu items
- Complying with safety and cleanliness standards, and the changing protocols around COVID.

Required Skills and Qualifications

- The ability to communicate in a clear, efficient manner is critical.
- Applicant should be skilled in planning and executing various types of nutritious vegan/vegetarian meals, as well as have knowledge of ethnic cultural cuisines.

- Skill in bread making and desserts preferred.
 - Comfortable with commercial kitchen equipment.
 - Food safety certificate or training required.
 - Basic computer skills essential.
 - Good time management is a must.
 - Previous cooking experience.
 - Personal qualities: responsible, honest, empathetic team worker working harmoniously with others.
 - Interest in self-development.
 - Respectful of MMC values and Code of Conduct.
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The rate of pay will be determined by the level of experience, but would start at \$16/hr.

Residential Position Available

While not required, this position does offer the possibility of residency. Those interested in joining our multigenerational residential community of practice would be open to living in an intentional yoga community, engaging with others in a positive way, and keeping a clean and sober environment (no drugs or alcohol on the property). The community asks everyone to abide by the vegetarian guidelines while on the property. Housing and all meals are included in an affordable activity fee. More details about the residential agreements will be provided during the interview.

Benefits

This position offers 2 weeks of paid vacation, 1 week of sick leave, access to yoga classes and mentorship from elders. Many people experience healing from the pristine campus overlooking Monterey Bay and nestled in the redwood forests, with hiking trails, ponds, and a multitude of wildlife.

Thank you for your interest! Please send your resume and cover letter to work@mountmadonna.org.