Apprenticeship Programs at The Centre for Hospitality & Culinary Arts

Do what you love for a living
Welcome

“Our chef faculty is passionate about training and mentoring apprentices, and proud of the many graduates who have gone on to become very successful in the food service industry.”

—John Higgins, Executive Chef, George Brown Chef School

The face of opportunity is changing for a new generation of hospitality workers in Ontario, and graduates of George Brown Chef School are ready to take advantage of it.

The demand for culinary and baking graduates is growing at an unprecedented rate in Canada, and around the world. This will create tremendous demand for qualified food service professionals, and opportunity for those who know how to take advantage of it.

If you have a passion for cooking or baking, then apprenticeship training at George Brown Chef School is your proven path to success. Voted one of North America’s top ten culinary schools, our graduates influence the professional cooking scene like no other.
BECOMING AN APPRENTICE

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• Reputation  Employers consider George Brown graduates first
• Technique and Training  Great training provided by our expert chef faculty
• Flexibility  Full or part-time training options
• Teamwork  Learn the importance of being a valued member of a successful culinary team
• Opportunity  Meet the industry’s most influential chefs, and participate in prestigious special events
• Location, Location, Location  In the centre of Toronto, and surrounded by the city’s most vibrant restaurants
• Industry Standard  Our kitchens, labs and smart classrooms are enhanced by a $20M expansion and renovation
• Enhance your Career  Enrol in one of our many post-graduate programs including Advanced Italian and French Culinary Arts or Advanced Baking and Pastry Arts
• Earn while you Learn  Most of your training is provided in-industry

Register as an apprentice with the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, Apprenticeship Branch or contact them at 1.800.387.5656 or www.edu.gov.on.ca. Then, select George Brown Chef School for your in-class training and enrol with us at 416.415.5000 ext. 4892 or www.georgebrown.ca/chefschool

What do I need to become an apprentice?

In general, employers have established a minimum education requirement—i.e. Ontario Secondary School Diploma with credits at or above the general level, or applicants can qualify for mature student status. Apprentices must be at least 16 years old.

How do I get started?

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• Find an employer to hire and train you, and then register as an apprentice
• If you are a Secondary School student, you can enroll in the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) which will let you start your training while completing Secondary School
• Apply to a Co-op Diploma program at George Brown College through www.ontariocolleges.ca where you’ll complete a related diploma and apprenticeship program at the same time

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WHAT COSTS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH BECOMING AN APPRENTICE?

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- Please contact George Brown Chef School at 416.415.5000 ext. 4892 or go to www.georgebrown.ca/chefschool for in-class fee schedules
- There is a fee to write the Certificate of Qualification exam and earn your Red Seal designation. Please contact the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities or go to www.edu.gov.on.ca for details

What other financial assistance is available?

Government grants and scholarships are available to qualified applicants. Please contact www.edu.gov.on.ca for details. George Brown Chef School also offers scholarships to qualified students.

“Mature students’ access to training is a matter of fact we have three apprentices right now and they’re all coming back after they finish their training.”

—Daniel Schick, Executive Chef, Le Royal Meridien King Edward Hotel

“I looked at many different colleges before I chose George Brown Chef School. The school combined with my apprenticeship at Auberge du Pommier has inspired me and given me the skills I need to become the best chef I can be.”

—Vicky Cheng, Alumni, Premier’s Award Recipient
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Evaluation throughout the apprenticeship program is based on successful completion of a series of prescribed skill sets.

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After successfully completing the programs and sign off from your employer stating you have completed all necessary skill sets, you receive a Certificate of Apprenticeship from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

3. How do I earn my Red Seal designation?  
Upon receiving your Certificate of Apprenticeship, you will be eligible to write the Interprovincial Standards Examination and qualify for your Certificate of Qualification and Red Seal designation. These exams are administered through the provincial and territorial certification and apprenticeship offices. Our apprenticeship program prepares students for this exam.

4. Can I receive E.I. and work while in school?  
While in school you may be eligible to receive E.I. premiums. As well, apprentices may be able to work a certain number of hours while participating in their in-class training. Check with your Ministry Training Consultant for details.

5. Is there assistance available for buying equipment?  
The “Loans for Tools Program” is available through the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, Apprenticeship Branch. The loan is interest-free for the duration of an apprentice’s training. Please refer to www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/training/apprenticeship/loantool.html

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COOK APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

H601 Basic
- Students enter after being sponsored by an employer and registered as an Apprentice with the MTCU
- This program is available full-time and part-time (Day Release)

H607 Advanced
- Students must have completed Basic
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BAKER/PATISSIER APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

H600 Basic
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H606 Advanced
- Students must have completed Basic

H604 Patissier
- Students must have completed Basic and Advanced
- This program is delivered on a part-time (Day Release) basis only

UNIQUE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

H722 Co-op Diploma
- Special program from the MTCU where students complete 4 semesters and obtain a GBC Diploma and Baker Basic and Advanced Apprentice certification

H717 Co-op Diploma
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**H122 Co-op Diploma**
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