The Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland



Elementary Cooking Skills Syllabus

Minimum teaching time - 6 hours

This course was developed as a partnership between REHIS and NHS Forth Valley.

Supported by Community Food and Health (Scotland) and Edinburgh Cyrenians.

All objectives to be prefixed by the words: The expected outcome is that the course participant will be able to:

Aim: The aim of the course is to

 Provide participants with basic cooking skills that increases confidence, skills and knowledge

Outcomes:

- Increase basic food preparation skills
- Increase basic cooking and presentation skills
- Gain an awareness of food safety
- Gain an awareness of using safe and hygienic practices

Introduction

Objectives

- Appreciate the needs and expectations of other course participants
- Identify their current level of skills and confidence when preparing and cooking foods

1. Using safe and hygienic practices

Objectives

- 1.1 Demonstrate the importance of personal hygiene
- 1.2 Demonstrate the importance of food safety during food preparation, cooking and storage
- 1.3 Demonstrate the safe use of equipment

2. Understanding and following a recipe

Objectives

- 2.1 Follow written, oral and/or pictorial recipes/instructions
- 2.2 Demonstrate an understanding of the correct procedure when following a recipe
- 2.3 Show an understanding of cooking times and temperatures
- 2.4 Utilise and adapt available ingredients or recipe to make a dish/meal
- 2.5 Understand common weighing and measuring terms

3. Food Preparation Techniques

Objectives

- 3.1 Demonstrate basic food preparation techniques
- 3.2 Demonstrate the safe and appropriate use of equipment

4. Cooking methods and food presentation

Objectives

- 4.1 Understand basic cookery terms
- 4.2 Demonstrate a range of basic cooking methods
- 4.3 Show an awareness of serving and presentation options
- 4.4 Demonstrate the concept of a balanced meal
- 4.5 Appreciate different textures and tastes
- 4.6 Produce food that is cooked to an acceptable standard
- 4.7 Increase their confidence when tasting prepared foods and/or eating with others

5. Putting it all together

Objectives

5.1 Be able to put their knowledge of practical food skills into practice in a variety of settings

- 6. Assessment
- 6.1 Tutor checklist
- 6.2 Visual and oral assessment by tutor

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