

Now Hiring Food Service Specialists

\$7,500 Sign-on bonus

Food Service Specialist IV, V, and VI
Salary is commensurate with experience. There is incentive pay for positions at level II and III institutions.



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Position Responsibilities:

Supervise & instruct cooks, bakers, kitchen and dining workers in all duties
Hire and train personnel and inmate workers assigned to the cafeteria
Act as an officer in maintaining the internal security of the cafeteria
Process all food orders on a weekly basis to include accurate deliveries
Meet with health, fire, and OSHA inspectors
Ensure that all required maintenance is performed on cafeteria equipment

BENEFITS

3 weeks of annual leave accrued yearly
3 weeks of sick leave accrued yearly
13 paid holidays per year
15 days of military leave per year
Police Officers Retirement System (PORS)
Student Loan Forgiveness Program (SLFP)
VA OJT & Apprenticeship Programs

**Questions? Contact Shirley Johnson at 803-896-2014 or
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Food Service Specialist Frequently Asked Questions

What are the minimum requirements to be a food service specialist?

Applicants interested in food service specialist positions must have a high school diploma or GED and experience in quality, high-volume cooking. Applicants must also have a minimum of two years in a supervisory capacity.

Do I need any certifications or degrees?

Food service specialists must be certified as a Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) and/or ServSafe Manager or must attain certification within one year of employment.

What if my experience is in baking? Can I still apply for a food service specialist position?

Absolutely! Experience with baking is a valuable skill set to have as a food service specialist to train and supervise the preparation of baked goods and pastries. We welcome any applicant with quality, high-volume culinary arts experience to apply. If you have questions about whether your experience is applicable as a food service specialist, you can contact Shirley Johnson at 803-896-2014 or Johnson.Shirley@doc.sc.gov.

I'm intimidated by the prospect of working in an institution. What advice do you have?

Corrections is a team, and SCDC staff will help you along the way. Every new food service specialist goes through three weeks of paid training at the SCDC Training Academy, which includes academic instruction and on-the-job training. Working in corrections is not what is portrayed in the movies or on TV, which is often sensationalized for dramatic effect. Your new hire training prepares you to handle any situation that may arise, and employees continue to participate in mandatory annual training to freshen up on protocols and information.

Is it safe to work in a prison environment?

Safety is our top priority, and we strive to maintain a secure working environment for our staff and inmate population. If a situation becomes dangerous or has the potential to become dangerous, you have been given the tools and training to appropriately respond to those situations per SCDC Policies and Procedures.

Can I bring a cell phone, laptop, or tablet into the prison with me?

SCDC does not allow the entry of personal cell phones, laptops, PDAs, or tablets into the institutions. Additionally, smartwatches, such as Apple watches or Fitbit devices, are not permitted for wear inside the institutions. Even though you are not able to bring in personal electronic devices, you are not cut off from the outside world. There are phones throughout each institution from which you can make and receive calls.

Is there room for career advancement as a food service specialist?

There are countless opportunities for long-term career planning and advancement throughout SCDC. There are supervisory and management positions available for food service specialists within the support services division at headquarters. SCDC also has promotional opportunities available within food service specialist ranks as experience is gained over time.

Why should I become a food service specialist at SCDC?

Corrections is a challenging, yet rewarding, career field that allows you to serve your community and others. Food feeds the soul and brings people together, which makes food service specialists an integral part of our team. Food service specialists not only help prepare all inmate meals, but they train and supervise inmate cafeteria workers on proper food preparation, which teaches them useful, transferable skills to utilize upon their release. It is education and skills training such as this that furthers inmate rehabilitation, so they can be productive members of our institutions and the community once released. Careers with SCDC also come with unmatched employee benefits. SCDC offers a generous and comprehensive benefits package that takes care of you and your family.