



**JOB TITLE: DELI COOK**

**REPORTS TO: DELI MANAGER/SUPERVISOR**

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**JOB FUNCTION:** To efficiently produce attractive, healthy dishes for the natural foods deli, thereby meeting departmental objectives for sales margins and customer service.

## **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **PRODUCTION**

Prepare recipes that utilize natural food sources while maintaining an attractive appeal for the customers, closely following established recipes unless requested to do otherwise by Supervisor, Manager or Lead.

### **CLEANING AND SANITATION**

- Follow established procedures for disposing of expired and unsellable product.
- Follow rigorous health and safety standards regarding food-safety and work-safety. Use deli equipment correctly, and report any needed repairs to supervisor.
- With other deli staff, empty trash and recycle containers, clean up the back stock area, and compact cardboard.
- Maintain food prep areas in clean, orderly condition throughout the shift, meeting all applicable regulatory health and safety standards.
- Maintain regular and accurate temperature logs; follow proper storage and labeling procedures.

### **COMMUNICATION**

- Effectively communicate with deli counter staff regarding deli procedures, recipe ingredients, and other information helpful in informing a productive and successful deli.
- Notify Deli Manager of schedule needs and requests off within the established time frame.
- Communicate ingredient and supply needs to Deli Supervisor/Lead.
- Attend huddles, department meetings and store meetings as set by management.

### **SAFETY**

- Emphasize safety and safe body mechanics in a fast-paced department; participate in ongoing training.
- Be proactive in reducing work-related injuries; recognize and solve potentially hazardous situations, and/or bring to the attention of the Department Manager.

### **OTHER**

- Perform other job-related tasks as assigned by Deli Manager, Supervisor/Lead.
- Abide by dress code established for deli staff.
- Participate in quarterly inventory as requested by Deli Manager.
- Display willingness to work as a team while respecting co-workers and holding each other accountable.
- Assist at counter as directed by Deli Manager or Supervisor/Lead.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Established experience in a commercial kitchen, food service background
- Knowledge of natural foods
- Ability and willingness to adhere absolutely to special dietary requirements
- Skills required to work well with others in a busy, crowded kitchen and retail environment

## **ESSENTIAL PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS**

- Ability to freely access all areas of the store including kitchen, offices, selling floor, stock areas, walk-in coolers and freezers
- Ability to move, lift or handle merchandise throughout the store, generally weighing up to 50 pounds, for up to 8 hours per day
- Ability to communicate effectively with suppliers, coworkers and customers
- Ability to read, write and do basic math skills accurately to complete necessary documentation
- Ability to work varied hours and days.
- Ability to stand, bend, stoop, reach, squat and walk for up to 8 hours per day
- Ability to work in various cold and hot temperatures, high humidity environment for extended periods of time
- Ability to operate equipment such as: rotisserie, Robot Coupe, food processor, bread slicer, shrink wrap machine, steamer, manual and/or electric scales, recalibrate and read thermometers, wood burning oven, convection oven, stove, knives and commercial dishwasher.

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