

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## CULINARY SKILLS

Highly skilled in preparing, seasoning, and cooking a wide range of foods, including soups, salads, entrees, and desserts. Hands-on experience in roasting, grilling, boiling, and frying meats, fish, vegetables, and other foods.

Proven record of garnishing, arranging and serving food to patrons.

Competent at checking freshness of raw food and ingredients before cooking

Keen to experiment and bring new tasty dishes to the menu.

World Class Guest Relations

Food and Kitchen Safety

Staff Leadership and Training

Kitchen Chemicals Handling



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## MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Cross Training:

1. **Waitress:** *Hartrock Café May 2013- Dec 2013|South Africa|*
2. **Waitress:** *Manasy Investments Jan 2014-Nov 2014|South Africa|*
3. **Waitress (Hostess):** *Fishermans Deck Jan 2015- Dec 2015|South Africa|*
4. **Chef Garde Manger:** *John Dory's Sushi Grill Café Jan 2016-May 2019|South Africa|*
5. **Cook:** *Latifa School of Girls Dubai June 2019 to Date |United Arab Emirates|*

*Managed relationship with clientele to ensure they were satisfied with service and product*

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## SUMMARY

- 4 years of experience in culinary arena.
- Strong command on classic and contemporary culinary methodologies.
- Perfectly weighs, measures, and mixes ingredients
- Able to work efficiently without supervision.
- Proven ability to clean work areas, equipment, utensils, dishes, and silverware.

- Solved any issues or complaints from clientele, often thinking outside of the box to solve any unusual problems.
- Managed multiple tasks at a time including multiple people, transactions, and orders all while making sure they were organized to assure efficiency.
- Worked in a team environment and had opportunity to train new employees as they were hired
- Set and reached individual goals as a server and as a team for servers
- Was awarded top server in efficiency, work ethic, and customer service.
- Maintained a clean atmosphere, was responsible to keep area clean, and help clean other areas if there was slow time.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

1. **Waitress: Hartrock Café**  
|South Africa|
2. **Waitress (Hostess):**  
Fisherman's Deck |South Africa|
3. **Chef Garde Manage: John**  
Dorys Fish Sushi Grill Café  
|South Africa|
4. **Cook: Latifa School of**  
Ladies Dubai |United Arab Emirates|

## Key Duties

- Set-up work station.
- Wash and unwrap fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Weigh, evaluate, and mix ingredients.
- Prepare ingredients for cooking, including portioning, chopping, and storing food.
- Prepare and cook food in any part of the kitchen as assigned by the head chef, keeping with recipes, quality standards and quality presentation according to standard.
- Operate gas range (stoves), grills, fryers, ovens and microwaves.  
Test foods to verify if they have been cooked adequately.
- Monitor food quality whilst preparing food.  
Assist in maintenance and cleanliness of all food preparation equipment.  
Inspect kitchens and food services areas

- Prepare and cook special meals as per instruction requested by an individual.
- Serve food in appropriate portions onto suitable receptacles.  
Wash and sanitize tools, knives, kitchen area, tables, and utensils
- Work according to the menu specifications.  
Clean kitchen and working station.
- Prepare and cook complete meals or individual dishes and foods.
- Purchasing and ordering of kitchen stock.  
Follow the instructions and recommendations from the immediate Superiors to complete the daily tasks.
- Assist in the inventory and stock keeping.  
Do weekly schedule for the kitchen on behalf of the kitchen manager.
- Ensure the highest standards and consistent quality in the daily preparation and keep up to date with the new products, recipes and preparation techniques
- Keep work area at all times in hygienic conditions according to the rules set.

**Availability:** Immediately

## EDUCATION

- *Ordinary Level Certificate*
- *International Computer Drivers Licences*

## ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- Microsoft Office Suite.
- Bilingual in English and Shona.
- Good team player with strong analytical mind.
- Quick learner and ability to work with little or no supervision and produces high quality work.

## REFERENCE:

Upon request