

Liam O'Connell

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Florida

Summary

Highly experienced Senior Chef with a decade of expertise in diverse culinary environments, including high-volume catering and fine dining. Proven leader in kitchen operations, staff development, and innovative menu creation. Specializes in optimizing kitchen efficiency, maintaining rigorous food safety standards, and delivering memorable guest experiences.

Experience

Executive Sous Chef | The Epicurean Hall | Bistro Town, FL February 2019 – Present
Directed all aspects of back-of-house operations for a large-scale event venue, serving up to 500 guests daily. Managed a team of 20+ culinary staff, including hiring, training, and performance reviews. Successfully implemented a new inventory management system that reduced food waste by 20% and improved profit margins. Ensured adherence to advanced food safety protocols and conducted regular audits for USDA and FDA guidelines. Collaborated with front-of-house to streamline service delivery and enhance guest satisfaction.

Chef de Cuisine | The Crafted Plate | Bistro Town, FL July 2015 – January 2019
Led the culinary team for a contemporary American restaurant, overseeing daily food preparation and service. Designed and executed seasonal tasting menus, receiving critical acclaim for creativity and flavor profiles. Managed kitchen budget, including labor and food costs, consistently meeting financial targets. Trained and mentored junior chefs, fostering a culture of excellence and continuous improvement.

Education

Bachelor of Professional Studies in Culinary Arts | Coastal Culinary Academy | Bistro Town, FL
Graduated: May 2015

Certifications ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification (Current) Certified Master Chef (CMC) - American Culinary Federation (ACF) (2023)

Skills Kitchen Leadership, Large-Scale Catering, Menu Engineering, Food Cost Management, Inventory Control, Advanced Food Safety Systems (USDA/FDA), Staff Training & Development, Quality Assurance, Strategic Planning, Supplier Relations