Training course on Nutrition and Dietary Management in Food Service

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Tourism and hospitality	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Analyze the fundamental principles of **human nutrition** and their application in food service.
2. Identify and manage various **dietary needs, restrictions, and food allergies/intolerances**.
3. Master protocols for preventing **cross-contamination of allergens** and sensitive ingredients.
4. Develop and implement strategies for **nutritional analysis and accurate menu labeling**.
5. Design inclusive and adaptable **menu plans** that cater to diverse dietary requirements.
6. Apply **healthy cooking techniques** that retain nutrients and optimize flavor.
7. Understand the specific **dietary management challenges** in healthcare and institutional settings.
8. Formulate effective **food sourcing and ingredient management strategies** for nutritional integrity.
9. Leverage **technology solutions** for dietary management, menu planning, and allergen tracking.
10. Develop comprehensive **customer communication and staff training programs** on dietary information.

11. Understand and ensure compliance with **legal and regulatory frameworks** related to nutrition and food safety.
12. Explore **emerging trends and innovations** in nutrition, dietary preferences, and food service.
13. Position themselves as leaders in providing **responsible, nutritious, and inclusive food service**.

Target Audience

This course is designed for professionals across the food and beverage industry who are responsible for nutrition and dietary compliance:

1. **Food and Beverage Directors/Managers:** Overseeing menu development and operations.
2. **Executive Chefs and Kitchen Managers:** Directly responsible for food preparation and ingredient management.
3. **Dietitians and Nutritionists:** Working in food service or consulting for establishments.
4. **Quality Assurance Managers:** Ensuring compliance with food safety and dietary standards.
5. **Healthcare Food Service Managers:** Specializing in hospital, nursing home, or long-term care dining.
6. **School/University Food Service Directors:** Managing nutrition for student populations.
7. **Restaurant Owners and Operators:** Seeking to cater to diverse dietary needs and enhance their offerings.
8. **Hospitality Students:** Specializing in food and beverage management or culinary arts.

Course Duration: 10 Days

Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Human Nutrition for Food Service

- Overview of Macronutrients (Carbohydrates, Proteins, Fats) and Micronutrients (Vitamins, Minerals).
- Understanding Dietary Reference Intakes (DRIs) and Daily Recommended Allowances (DRAs).
- The Role of Nutrition in Health and Disease Prevention.
- Basic Principles of Balanced Diets and Healthy Eating Patterns.
- Energy Balance, Calorie Management, and Weight Management.

Module 2: Common Dietary Needs and Restriction

- In-depth Understanding of Food Allergies (e.g., Peanuts, Tree Nuts, Shellfish, Dairy, Gluten, Soy, Eggs).
- Food Intolerances (e.g., Lactose Intolerance, Fructose Malabsorption).
- Metabolic Conditions (e.g., Diabetes Mellitus, Hypertension, High Cholesterol).
- Lifestyle Diets: Vegetarianism, Veganism, Paleo, Keto.
- Religious and Cultural Dietary Requirements.

Module 3: Allergen Control and Cross-Contamination Prevention

- Identifying Common Allergens in Food Service Environments.
- Developing and Implementing Comprehensive Allergen Control Programs.
- Preventing Cross-Contamination: Segregation, Dedicated Equipment, Cleaning Protocols.
- Proper Labeling, Storage, and Handling of Allergenic Ingredients.
- Training Staff on Allergen Awareness and Response to Allergic Reactions.

Module 4: Nutrient Analysis and Menu Labeling

- Methodologies for Conducting Nutritional Analysis of Menu Items.

- Utilizing Nutritional Software and Databases for Accurate Data.
- Understanding Mandatory and Voluntary **Menu Labeling Requirements** (e.g., calorie counts, allergen declarations).
- Effective Communication of Nutritional Information to Consumers.
- Health Claims vs. Nutrient Content Claims: Legal and Ethical Considerations.

Module 5: Menu Planning for Dietary Diversity

- Designing Inclusive Menus that Cater to Multiple Dietary Needs.
- Strategies for Menu Adaptation and Customization for Special Diets.
- Developing Vegetarian, Vegan, Gluten-Free, and Other Specialized Menu Sections.
- Incorporating Plant-Based Proteins and Healthy Alternatives.
- Menu Engineering with a Nutritional Lens.

Module 6: Healthy Cooking Techniques and Portion Control

- Cooking Methods that Retain Nutrients and Flavor (e.g., Steaming, Roasting, Grilling).
- Reducing Fat Content: Alternative Fats, Cooking Methods.
- Reducing Sugar Content: Natural Sweeteners, Flavor Enhancers.
- Reducing Sodium Content: Herbs, Spices, Low-Sodium Ingredients.
- Implementing Strict **Portion Control** for Calorie and Nutrient Management.

Module 7: Dietary Management in Healthcare and Institutional Settings

- Specific Nutritional Requirements for Hospital Patients (e.g., therapeutic diets, texture modified).
- Managing Dietary Needs in Long-Term Care Facilities and Nursing Homes.
- Nutritional Guidelines for School Meals and Childcare Programs.
- Adapting Menus for Senior Living Communities.
- The Role of Registered Dietitians in Institutional Food Service.

Module 8: Food Sourcing and Ingredient Management for Nutrition

- Sourcing Fresh, Whole, and Minimally Processed Ingredients.
- Understanding the Nutritional Impact of Different Sourcing Choices.
- Managing Inventory and Storage to Preserve Nutrient Content.
- Procurement Strategies for Allergen-Free and Special Dietary Ingredients.
- Sustainable Sourcing and its Connection to Nutritional Quality.

Module 9: Technology in Dietary Management

- Utilizing **Menu Management Software** for Recipe Development and Nutritional Analysis.
- Allergen Tracking and Identification Systems.
- Digital Menu Boards for Real-time Nutritional Information.
- Online Ordering Platforms with Dietary Filters.
- Personalized Nutrition Apps and Integration with Food Service.

Module 10: Customer Communication and Staff Training

- Developing Clear and Accessible Communication Channels for Dietary Information.
- Training All Food Service Staff on Dietary Requirements, Allergens, and Special Requests.
- Empowering Front-of-House Staff to Confidently Answer Guest Questions.
- Responding to Customer Inquiries and Feedback on Nutritional Offerings.

- Crisis Communication in Case of Allergic Reactions or Dietary Incidents.

Module 11: Legal, Ethical, and Regulatory Aspects

- Detailed Review of Food Labeling Laws (e.g., FDA, EFSA).
- Allergen Labeling and Declaration Regulations.
- Health Claims and Nutrient Content Claims: What is Permitted and Prohibited.
- Food Safety Regulations Relevant to Dietary Management.
- Ethical Considerations in Menu Design and Dietary Recommendations.

Module 12: Future Trends in Nutrition and Food Service

- The Rise of **Personalized Nutrition** and DNA-Based Diets.
- Functional Foods and Superfoods Integration.
- Growth of Plant-Based and Alternative Protein Cuisines.
- Sustainable Food Systems and Reduced Food Waste Initiatives.
- The Impact of Technology on Consumer Dietary Choices and Food Service Adaptation.

Training Methodology

- **Interactive Workshops:** Facilitated discussions, group exercises, and problem-solving activities.
- **Case Studies:** Real-world examples to illustrate successful community-based surveillance practices.
- **Role-Playing and Simulations:** Practice engaging communities in surveillance activities.
- **Expert Presentations:** Insights from experienced public health professionals and community leaders.
- **Group Projects:** Collaborative development of community surveillance plans.
- **Action Planning:** Development of personalized action plans for implementing community-based surveillance.
- **Digital Tools and Resources:** Utilization of online platforms for collaboration and learning.
- **Peer-to-Peer Learning:** Sharing experiences and insights on community engagement.
- **Post-Training Support:** Access to online forums, mentorship, and continued learning resources.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

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Key Notes

- Participants must be conversant in English.
- Upon completion of training, participants will receive an Authorized Training Certificate.
- The course duration is flexible and can be modified to fit any number of days.
- Course fee includes facilitation, training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch, and a Certificate upon successful completion.
- One-year post-training support, consultation, and coaching provided after the course.
- Payment should be made at least a week before the training commencement to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice, to enabl

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Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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