8. Find out about three career opportunities in cooking.

Familiar Career Opportunities in Cooking

- Restaurant Manager
- Kitchen Manager
- Chef
- Caterer
- Cook

Unusual Career Opportunities in Cooking

- Food Truck Operator
- Food Critic
- Food Photographer
- Food Researcher
- Food Consultant

Pick one and find out the education, training, and experience required for this profession.

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<td>A formal education at a cooking school is typically not required to get a job as a chef at a restaurant. But anyone applying for a job as a chef who did not go to a cooking school will need to have significant experience in a variety of jobs in a restaurant kitchen before being considered for a chef position.</td>
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<td>A chef in a restaurant needs to know how to do all the jobs in the kitchen where he works. There are two reasons for this. First, he needs to be able to fill in if someone calls in sick or otherwise is not available to do their duties. Second, and more importantly, he needs to know that the food being served from the kitchen meets the standards set by the restaurant. So even if the chef only prepares entrees, he still needs to know that the salads, soups, vegetables, desserts, and other dishes are top quality.</td>
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<td>A person applying for a job as a cook at a chain restaurant such as Chili’s or Applebee’s does not need any experience. They have very specific guidelines for how to prepare each menu item; the pay will average from $11 to $14 per hour, or $23,000 per year. A chef at Ruth’s Chris Steakhouse does need experience, and can earn a salary up to $60,000 per year.</td>
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