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An HCC student-chef works in one of the kitchens at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute, 164 Race St., Holyoke.

Free line-cook training at HCC starts

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College will be running a free, one-month, intensive line-cook training course at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute beginning July 18.

The course runs Monday through Thursday, July 18 through Aug. 18, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute, 164 Race St.

The program is designed for those already in the restaurant industry who want to upgrade their skills as well as unemployed or underemployed individuals interested in starting a new career.

The program is being taught both online and in person at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute. Participants will learn all the essential competencies they need to become successful line cooks: knife skills; how to prepare stocks, soups, sauces, desserts, poultry, fish and meat; culinary math and measurements; moist/dry heat cooking methods; as well as workplace soft skills, such as building a resume and searching for jobs.

Offered as part of HCC's Business & Workforce Development division, the line cook course is free to qualifying applicants.