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OBJECTIVE

To enhance the health of individuals through nutrition education and culinary experience.

EDUCATION

Master of Food Systems Administration, Master of Business Administration

Texas Woman's University 2008

Bachelor of Science Coordinated Program in Dietetics

Texas Christian University 2006

Culinary Arts Certificate

Culinary School of Fort Worth 2006

EXPERIENCE

Culinary Solution Centers, LLC

K-12 Culinary Team Consultant

August 2015-present

- Culinary educator providing interactive culinary skills training to K-12 school nutrition professionals in quantity food production including presentation, efficiency, quality and consistency, food safety, adherence to standardized recipes, and culinary techniques.
- Technical writer and developer of K-12 school nutrition educational materials.
- Quantity, standardized recipe development for use in school meal programs. Special projects include NC K-12 Culinary Institute, NC Dept. of Agriculture Farm to School, Starkist®, & Y-pulse®.
- On-site kitchen operational evaluations for streamlining and optimizing school meal programs.

To Taste Culinary Nutrition, LLC

Co-Founder & Culinary Nutrition Consultant

August 2014-present

- Create family friendly recipes for the Blue Zones Project Fort Worth, Fit Worth and totaste.com.
- Develop and conduct community cooking demos.
- Develop and conduct kids cooking classes.
- Blog, write, and promote nutrition and the culinary arts.
- Developed and conducted numerous single and multi-day workshops for The Texas Department of Agriculture's Meal Appeal Universities.
- Developed and conducted single day workshops at the local school district level.
- Engineered standardized K-12 compliant recipes for California Dried Figs.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Education Service Center Region 11

Child Nutrition Consultant July 2013-August 2015

Hurst Euless Bedford Independent School District

Dietitian Supervisor & Chef July 2010-June 2013

Dallas Independent School District

Menu Planning Specialist June 2008 – July 2010

Self Employed

Caterer May 2006-November 2014

AFFILIATIONS

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Food and Culinary Professionals Practice Group & School Nutrition Services Practice Group

ADDITIONAL

ServeSafe® Certified