

FOOD & DRINK PRODUCTION ROUTEWAY – 2 week course

This Partnership pre-employment 'Routeway' course is delivered jointly by Loughborough, Melton and Leicester Colleges, either in city or county venues.
Attendance is 15 hours/week for 2 weeks.

Course Content

- Learning about the Food Manufacturing industry
- Why work in Food? What's it like? Job roles & progression
- The Essentials of Health & Safety (Level 1) & Manual Handling
- Team Working and Effective Communication skills
- Level 2 Food Safety certificate (accredited)
- Key principles of effective handwashing & hygiene cleaning
- Adding to your CV & preparing for interviews in the Food sector

Possible Job Roles

Food Production Operative
Cook Pan Chef
Packaging Operative
Packer / Dispatch Assistant

Temporary or Permanent,
Full or Part-time Roles in
food & drink manufacturing
companies

Minimum Pre-Course Requirements

Currently unemployed & eligible for funding
Able to read, write and do simple number calculations
Have a CV including any relevant experience
Good interpersonal skills
Must be committed to working in the food sector
Good standard of personal hygiene
Over 16 years old & alcohol & drug free
Clients must be registered on City Strategy database
Committed to full attendance on the course



What Happens After the Course?

- When you complete the course you will be asked by the tutor about your job & work preferences
- This information will then be used by the partnership's job-matching team to link learners to any work experience or **Guaranteed Interview** opportunities which have been brokered by the partnership.
- You should continue to work with your advisor who can help you to identify suitable jobs or work experience

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SPEAK TO YOUR ADVISOR

Potential Job Roles in Food & Drink Manufacturing

Food Production Worker

Food processing workers are involved in the production and packing of a wide variety of food items, including frozen, canned, baked, dried, and pasteurised products. You would usually work on a fast moving production line, which has food passing along on conveyor belts, through different stages such as mixing, cooking and packing.

- checking and controlling the machinery that processes the food
- preparation of raw ingredients ready to pass on to further stage of processing
- making sure the production line has a constant supply of raw materials or ingredients
- adjusting the speed of the conveyor belt if necessary & checking instruments such as temperature gauges
- keeping machines clean at all times.

Food Packaging Operatives

Packaging operatives, or machine technicians, work on the machines and production lines that put finished food and drink products (such as biscuits, crisps, soup and chocolate bars) into containers, cans or packets. Items are then packed into larger boxes or crates. This process is often highly mechanised so your work is likely to include:

- packing materials with goods to protect them, such as bubble wrap and polystyrene chips
- sealing containers using glue, staples or shrink-wrap
- adjusting machine settings to handle changes in type of product, or shape and size of container
- identifying errors in the machines' operation, and correcting the machines as soon as a fault develops.

In large factories you would make sure the machines are loaded with supplies and running smoothly. You would remove any damaged goods and clean the machines ready for each new batch.

In these roles you would spend most of your time sitting or standing at a conveyor line or packing machine. The temperature in a factory will vary depending on the type of food being processed.

You will work to high standards of hygiene and you will wear clean, protective clothing and a hat or hairnet. Roles can be full-time or part-time to cover the various shift patterns that might be required. Some factories operate a shift system including evening, night and weekend shifts. Overtime is sometimes available.

With experience, you could move into sampling and testing products as part of quality control procedures, or into supervisory roles leading a team of staff.

Potential employers could include major food, snack & drink manufacturing companies producing food for supermarket groups or under their own label / own brand. Other companies also make or package food for UK shops or restaurants or for international distribution. Other smaller food & drink companies might focus on specialist or ethnic foods.



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