

2025 Culinary Academy Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where do I begin?

Pick up a program brochure with course descriptions, times, dates, and tuition costs. Brochures can be picked up at Vernon College Continuing Education or online at www.vernoncollege.edu/CE/ under **Fast Track Careers**. Culinary Academy is a 9-month program; classes are held Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. The program will be held at the Century City campus located at 4105 Maplewood Avenue, Wichita Falls, TX 76308, from January 27, 2025 to March 3, 2025. The program will then be held for the remainder of the program beginning March 4, 2025 at the Burkburnett Culinary Academy building located at 301 E. 3rd Street, Burkburnett, TX 76354.

2. When can I register?

Students can register any time after the Spring CE schedule is published. Students will register at the Continuing Education Office at the Century City Center. A registration form will be completed for each of the eight (8) program classes along with total tuition payment of **approximately \$3,725**. Payment is due in full at the time of registration. The registration and payment deadline for the 2024 – 2025 Culinary Academy program is **January 17, 2025 by 12:00 pm**. Students must register in order to attend class. There are limited seats in this program.

3. Is there a payment plan?

No, students must pay for the entire program by **January 17, 2025 by 12:00 pm**.

4. Is there Financial Aid available?

Traditional financial aid does not apply for the Culinary Academy program. There are currently two funding options for this program.

1. Contact Workforce Solutions (WS) at (940) 322-1801, to see if you are eligible for funding through WIOA. If you are not eligible then you need to get a business card from WIOA stating you are not eligible.
2. If you do not qualify at WIOA you can pick up a needs based scholarship at the CE office. Please bring the signed business card stating you do not qualify to the CE office. The scholarship application must be returned by January 13, 2025 to the Continuing Education Office for review.

5. What is the “Culinary Academy Certificate?”

The Culinary Academy Certificate consists of a series of 8 courses that will teach students to not only prepare food, but understand restaurant management, nutrition and menu planning, human resources, and more. These classes must be taken in order and as a group. Each class builds on the other. Additional certificates are now included from the National Restaurant Association for students to earn a credential at the end of the program. In addition to this training, specific work requirements/additional education are needed to become a chef.