

Cake Decorator / Assistant Pastry Chef (Part-Time)

Location: San Mateo, CA

Position Type: Part-time (minimum 20 hours/week).

Schedule: Flexible scheduling; **weekend availability required.**

Compensation: Hourly, depends on experience

About Simple Delights

Simple Delights in San Mateo is seeking a talented Cake Decorator / Assistant Pastry Chef to join our team. This role involves supporting dessert production, creating beautiful custom cakes, and assisting in crafting handcrafted desserts that elevate celebrations. If you're passionate about quality, creativity, and making special occasions memorable through desserts, we'd love to hear from you!

Position Summary

This role supports the Head Pastry Chef in executing our dessert menu and decorating custom cakes. The ideal candidate has professional cake decorating experience, strong kitchen fundamentals, and a collaborative attitude.

Job Tasks and Essential Functions

- Decorate standard ice cream cakes, frosted cakes, and custom cake orders
- Build and frost cakes with knowledge of piping techniques and ability to write messages on cakes
- Prepare and bake standard dessert menu items and seasonal specials
- Assist with custom cake preparation and order fulfillment
- Maintain dessert and toppings inventory with the Head Pastry Chef
- Operate kitchen equipment including stand mixers, ovens, and induction stoves
- Maintain a clean and organized kitchen including wash dishes, sanitize surfaces, take out trash
- Follow all food safety and sanitation guidelines
- Properly store food and kitchen supplies

Requirements

- Current Food Handler's Certification
- Minimum 3 years professional cake decorating experience
- Familiarity with baking equipment and kitchen tools
- Ability to multitask and work efficiently in a fast-paced environment
- Strong attention to detail and organizational skills
- Team-oriented with good communication skills

Physical Requirements

- Ability to stand and walk for extended periods
- Ability to reach above shoulder height and below the waist
- Ability to lift and move kitchen materials using proper lifting techniques