Job Title: Specialist Chef

Restaurant: Perla’s Grill, Chelmsford

Salary: £32,000 per annum £16.41 per hour

**About Us:**

Perla’s grill is a highly acclaimed West African cuisine restaurant renowned for its authentic and innovative dishes. We pride ourselves on using the freshest ingredients, sourced locally and from West Africa, to create exceptional dining experiences. Our commitment to traditional techniques and modern artistry has earned us a loyal clientele and critical acclaim.

**Job Description:**

We are seeking a highly skilled and passionate Specialist Chef to join our dynamic kitchen team. The ideal candidate will possess extensive experience in traditional West African dish preparation, a deep understanding of West African culinary principles, and a commitment to delivering the highest quality dishes. A focus and understanding of how to produces specialized dishes sourced from each of the 16 regions in Ghana. Post holder to deliver authentic dining experience at the highest quality this will include use of traditional and modern cooking utensils and equipment.

**Responsibilities:**

* Prepare and present a wide range of traditional and contemporary West African and Ghanaian dishes.
* Maintain the highest standards of food quality, hygiene, and presentation.
* Source and select the freshest seafood and other ingredients.
* Manage inventory and minimize waste.
* Train and mentor junior kitchen staff.
* Collaborate with the head chef to develop new and innovative menu items.
* Ensure compliance with all food safety regulations.
* Maintain a clean and organized work environment.

**Qualifications:**

* Proven experience as a Chef in a reputable West African restaurant.
* Extensive knowledge of traditional food preparation techniques.
* Strong knife skills and a keen eye for detail.
* Excellent understanding of seafood handling and preparation.
* Ability to work efficiently in a fast-paced environment.
* Strong communication and teamwork skills.
* Formal culinary training or certification is preferred.
* Knowledge of Twi, Fante, Ewe language and culture is a plus.

**Benefits:**

* Competitive salary commensurate with experience.
* Opportunities for professional growth and development.1
* A supportive and collaborative work environment.2
* Staff meals and discounts.
* Opportunity to work with very high quality ingredients.

To Apply:

Please submit your resume, cover letter, and portfolio (if available) to [perlasgrill@gmail.com](mailto:perlasgrill@gmail.com) Please include "Specialist Chef Application" in the subject line.

We look forward to hearing from you!