

Program Description

Everything is better with bacon! The meat cutting butchery program is the only hands-on program in the state of Minnesota. This program will provide students a unique opportunity to learn about the entire lifecycle of an animal from an agricultural, meat production and culinary arts perspective. As a student in the meat cutting butchery program you will have the opportunity to:

- Learn about farm practices in class and on local farm where you will explore livestock terminology, selection and care.
- Apply the pasture-to-plate philosophy as well as manage all aspects of our retail butcher shop. In the butcher shop you will identify, inspect and process carcasses, as well as prepare and package meat for sale, and interact with customers.
- Learn professional meat cutting, trimming, boning, breaking, wrapping, sausage-making and curing with professional sanitation and food safety applications
- Design menus, determine ingredient sourcing and complete the ServSafe credential.

Program Outcomes

By completing this program, students will achieve the following learning outcomes:

- Create written food safety and operational documentation to meet industry standards;
- Perform techniques for effective sanitation of meat processing equipment and facilities;
- Apply food safety principles to comply with regulatory requirements;
- Perform meat cutting to packing house and case ready operations requirements;
- Perform value-added processed meats production to meet federal and state meat industry requirements;
- Perform retail meat operations to meet the retail meat industry requirements;
- Perform slaughter operations to meet industry requirements.;
- Apply meat science principles to meet the needs of consumers and meat industry;
- Interact professionally with clients and colleagues within the state meat industry; and
- Demonstrate basic computer skills applicable to the state meat industry.

Program Course Requirements

MCAB 1101 Meat Cutting.....	3 cr
MCAB 1103 Value Added Processing	3 cr
MCAB 1105 Food Safety and Sanitation.....	2 cr
MCAB 1107 Meat Industry Communication.....	1 cr
MCAB 1109 Full Service and Retail Meat Cutting	2 cr
MCAB 1111 Food Animal Processing	3 cr
MCAB 1113 Internship in Meat Cutting and Butchery.....	2 cr

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT - 16 CREDITS

**Denotes Prerequisites*

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Some courses may require appropriate test scores or completion of basic math, basic English and/or reading courses with a "C" or better. CLC utilizes a multiple measure approach for placement which may include high school MCA, SAT, ACT scores in addition to high school GPAs. For insurance purposes, internships may require that students be 18 years old.

Career Opportunities

This program prepares individuals to receive, cut, and package animal meat products in commercial establishments and to function as licensed meat cutters/butchers. It includes instruction in product recognition for beef, veal, lamb, pork, poultry, and fancy and smoked meats; retail and wholesale cutting and specialty cuts; packaging and counter display; shop safety; meat sanitation, storage and rotation; quality control; meat handling laws and regulations; and customer service. It will prepare students for careers as: butcher apprentice, food science technician, food safety specialist, meat carvers, State and Federal meat inspector, meat market manager, retail/wholesale meat processor and cutter, harvest floor employees.

Graduation Requirements

In addition to the program requirements, students must meet the following conditions in order to graduate:

1. College Cumulative GPA Requirement: cumulative grade point average (GPA) of credits attempted and completed at CLC must be at least 2.0;
2. College Technical Core GPA Requirement: cumulative GPA of credits attempted and completed towards the technical core of the diploma or degree must be at least 2.0;
3. Residency Requirement: students must complete 25% of their credits at Central Lakes College.