

HOME CHEF PRO

Session Six

Classic Cooking Techniques

Classes featured: Classic Cooking Techniques Overview, Classic Cooking Techniques—Sauté and Grill, Classic Cooking Techniques—Poaching, Classic Cooking Techniques—Roasting

OBJECTIVES

- Know how things like moisture, heat, and time impact the outcome of a cooling technique.
- Understand how to utilize the four identified classic cooking techniques.
- Practice sauté, poach, roast, and grill.

SKILLS SPOTLIGHT

• Apply the accurate cooking technique to the appropriate product.





Before you start: Session six

EQUIPMENT LIST

To help you keep pace with the chef, we recommend you have all the items from this list clean, ready, and within reach before class begins.

- 1 cutting board
- 1 chef knife
- 1 medium mixing bowl
- Tasting spoons
- Measuring cups and spoons
- 2 medium sauté pans
- 1 medium saucepan
- 1 sanitizer towel with sanitizer solution (1 Tbsp of bleach mixed with 4 cups of water)

- 1 slotted spoon or mesh skimmer
- 1 roasting pan
- 1 small mixing bowl
- 1 pastry brush or dinner fork
- Grill or grill plate
- Tongs
- Spatula

ADVANCED PREP LIST

Please complete the following items before class begins.

- Wash all produce items.
- Preheat oven to 350°F.
- Preheat grill or grill plate to low.

SHOPPING LIST

| Produce | Dry | Meat |
|-------------------|--|--|
| 1 lb asparagus | Avocado oil | ½ lb shrimp (peeled and deveined) |
| 1 red bell pepper | Herbs of your choice (oregano, thyme, basil) | 1 salmon filet per person (skin removed) |
| 1 lime | Dijon mustard | |
| 1 shallot | Small jar capers | |
| 1 lemon | 2 bay leaves | |
| 4 cloves garlic | 1 Tbsp peppercorns, whole | |
| 1 large zucchini | | |





Culinary Exercises

| Sautéed Asparagus and Bell Pepper with Herbs and Lime | Grilled Zucchini | Poached Shrimp with Shallot, Lemon, and Garlic | Roasted Salmon with Dijon and Capers |
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| Ingredients: | Ingredients: | Ingredients: | Ingredients: |
| Avocado oil | Zucchini | Water | Salmon |
| Asparagus | Avocado oil | Salt, kosher | Dijon or yellow mustard |
| Bell pepper | Salt, kosher | Shallot | Capers |
| Oregano, thyme, basil | | Lemon | Water |
| Lime | | Garlic | |
| Salt, kosher | | Shrimp, raw | |
| Notes: | Notes: | Notes: | Notes: |







LECTURE SUPPLEMENTS

CLASSIC COOKING TECHNIQUES DEFINED

Grill: To cook on a grill or grate with high direct heat from below.

Fry: To cook fully submerged in hot fat.

Sauté: To cook with high heat in a pan with a small amount of fat.

Roast: To cook in a vented box or vessel.

Poach: To cook fully submerged in hot water.

Braise: To quickly sear the outside of a product with high heat in a dry environment, then finish cooking for an extended period of time with low heat in a moist environment.

Poeler: To cook in a moist environment for a long time and finish with a glaze.

| | Grill | Fry | Sauté | Roast | Poach | Braise | Poeler |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|----------|------------------|----------|----------|
| Heat | High | High | High | High/Low | Low | High/Low | High/Low |
| Moisture | Dry | Dry | Dry | Dry | Moist | Moist | Moist |
| Time | Short | Short | Short | Mid | Short/Long | Long | Long |
| Tough/Tender | Tender | Tender | Tender | Mid | Tough/ Tender | Tough | Tough |
| Expansion/ Concentration* | С | С | С | С | C/E | Е | Е |





^{*}Expansion/Concentration: During the applied cooking technique, either the existing food flavor is intensified (concentration) or food flavors blend (expansion).