

Penn State University Launches 2024 Session of the Butcher Apprenticeship Program

University Park, PA— Penn State University is proud to announce the launch of its 2024 Butcher Apprenticeship Program, designed to revolutionize education and meet the growing demand for skilled professionals in the meat processing industry.

The Butcher Apprenticeship Program, hosted by Penn State Extension, is a comprehensive initiative to provide hands-on training and education for individuals aspiring to become proficient butchers. This program is tailored to equip participants with the necessary skills, knowledge, and expertise required for a successful career in meat processing.

Key Program Highlights:

1. **Hands-On Training:** The program emphasizes practical, experiential learning, allowing apprentices to develop their skills in a real-world setting. Participants will gain insights into meat fabrication, knife skills, food safety, as well as an introduction into the science and art of the butcher trade under the guidance of seasoned industry professionals.
2. **Comprehensive Curriculum:** The curriculum covers a wide range of topics, including meat anatomy, food safety and sanitation, customer service, and business management. Apprentices will receive a well-rounded education that prepares them for diverse roles within the meat processing industry.
3. **Industry-Relevant Expert Instructors:** The Butcher Apprenticeship Program boasts a team of industry experts and seasoned instructors who bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the classroom. Participants will benefit from direct mentorship and guidance from professionals with a proven track record in the field.
4. **Job Placement Assistance:** Upon successfully completing the program, apprentices will have access to job placement assistance and networking opportunities. Penn State is dedicated to helping graduates launch their careers and contribute to the growth of the meat processing industry.

Penn State Extension invites prospective participants, industry stakeholders, and the media to explore the Butcher Apprenticeship Program's official website: <https://extension.psu.edu/butcher-apprenticeship-program> for detailed information about the curriculum, admission requirements, and application process.

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