



CS CAREER PATH



Culinary Specialists operate and manage Navy messes and living quarters established to subsist and accommodate Navy personnel. They prepare menus, manage and account for subsistence inventories and prepare and maintain financial records. It is commonly accepted that the “mess decks” or dining areas aboard ships are the “Heart of the ship” and the role Culinary Specialists play in the morale of the ship is very important. CSs are needed on every ship and shore base in the Navy. Navy Culinary Specialists provide food service for Admirals and senior government executives. Career path should include diverse assignments ashore and afloat that enhances culinary skills and leadership abilities and promotes the future success of the rating by developing junior Sailors.

YEARS OF SERVICE	CAREER MILESTONES	AVERAGE TIME TO PROMOTE	COMMISSIONING OR OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS	SEA SHORE FLOW	TYPICAL CAREER PATH DEVELOPMENT
25-30	CSCM	23.3 Yrs	CSEL	36	Follow on Sea/Shore Tours.
22-25	CSCM CSCS	23.3 Yrs 19.2	CSEL – LCS/MCM, 3MC Enlisted Aide-Bahrain	36	4 th Sea Tour Billet: Dept/Div/Services LCPO. Duty: DDG/LSD/LPD/ T-AH/NHCB/LCC/LHA/LHD/CVN.
19-22	CSCS CSC	19.2 Yrs 15.1	CWO CSEL –TPU/ FLC/Air Squadron Equal Opportunity Advisor, White House Enlisted Aide-Naples	36	3 rd Shore Tour Billet: Force CS/Inspector/Detailer/ Instructor/BOQ/BEQ Manger/ FSO/ Leading CS/LCPO/Analyst. Duty:TYCOM/ATG/NPC/NFMT/ NAVSUP/CSS/CNIC. Qualification: Senior Enl Academy.
16-19	CSCS CSC	19.2 Yrs 15.1	LDO, CWO, OCS, MECP, 3MC CSEL- LCS/MCM, Afloat Flag Mess LDO, CWO, OCS, MECP,CMD SCPO, RDC, Brig Duty, Equal Opportunity Advisor, White House, Camp David, Enlisted Aide, Drug & Alcohol Counselor/SARP, Officer/Enlisted Recruiter, Air Crew, Flag Flight CS	48	3 rd Sea Tour Billet: Dept/DivLCPO/Food Prod/Hotel Services Chief. Duty: NMCB/PHIB-CB/CG/ LSD/LPD/LCC/CVN.
13-16	CSC CS1	15.1 Yrs 10.8		36	2 nd Shore Tour Billet: Dept/DivLCPO/LPO/ BQ Manager/Instructor/Inspector/ Recruiter/Detailer/Placement/Analyst. Duty: Naval Station/Naval/CNIC Hospital/Staff/CSS/Staff/Weapons Station/NFMT/ATG/NAVSTA/ NAS/NPC/NAVMAC. Qualification: NAVLEAD.
8-13	CS1 CS2	10.8 Yrs 5.1		54	2 nd Sea Tour Billet: LCS/LPO/Watch Captain/ Supervisor/Records Keeper. Duty:Ship/Squadron/NMCB/ExpUnits. Qualification: NEC 3527/3529/3530.
5-8	CS1 CS2	10.8 Yrs 5.1	STA-21, OCS, MECP, NAVAL ACADEMY NROTC, LDO, USS CONSTITUTION,White House, Camp David, Brig Duty, Recruiter, Flag Mess, Enlisted Aide	36	1 st Shore Tour Billet: Galley/BQ Mgmt/Instructor Duty Station: Naval Station/Naval Hospital/Staff/CSS. Qualification: NAVLEAD.
1-5	CS2 CS3	5.1 Yrs 2.4		55	1 st Sea Tour Billet: Galley/Stateroom Stations. Duty:Ship/Squadron/NMCB/ExpUnits. Qual: ESWS/EAWS/SCW/EXW.
1+/-	CSSN CSSA Accession Training	16 Months			Recruit Training and all schools required to be completed prior to reporting first operational command.