



FTS/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 rate by developing junior Sailors.

| YEARS OF SERVICE | CAREER MILESTONES | AVERAGE TIME TO ADVANCE | COMMISSIONING OR OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS | SEA SHORE ROTATION | TYPICAL CAREER PATH DEVELOPMENT |
|------------------|---|-------------------------|--|---|---|
| 25-30 | CSCM | 18.9 Yrs | CSEL | 36 | 8 th Tour Billet: CSEL |
| 22-25 | CSCM CSCS | 18.9 Yrs 17.8 | CSEL | 36 | 7 th Tour Billet: CSEL |
| 19-22 | CSCS CSC | 17.8 Yrs 15.3 | CWO CSEL | 36 | 6 th Tour Billet: CSEL Manager /FSO/ Leading CS/ LCPO/Analyst. Duty:LHD/NOSC/NAS. Qualification: Senior Enl Academy |
| 16-19 | CSCS CSC | 17.8 Yrs 15.3 | LDO, CWO, OCS, MECP, 3MC CSEL, , RDC, Equal Opportunity Advisor, Officer/Enlisted Recruiter, Flag Chef Program | 36 | 5 th Tour Billet: Dept/DivLCPO/Food Prod/ Hotel Services Chief Duty: LHD/NOSC/NAS |
| 13-16 | CSC CS1 | 15.3 Yrs 10.6 | | 36 | 4 th Tour Billet: Dept/DivLCPO/LPO/ BQ Manager/Instructor/Inspector/ Trainer/Detailer/Placement Duty:DDG/LHD/NCHB/NAS/ NOSC/NSF Qualification: NAVLEAD |
| 8-13 | CS1 CS2 | 10.6 Yrs 4.5 | | 36 | 3 rd Tour Billet: LCS/LPO/Watch Captain/ Supervisor/Records Keeper/Cashier/ Duty: DDG/LSD/LPD/LHD/ VAQ/NCHB/HSC/NAS/NSF/ NOSC/NPC |
| 5-8 | CS1 CS2 | 10.6 Yrs 4.5 | | STA-21, OCS, MECP, NAVAL ACADEMY NROTC, LDO, USS CONSTITUTION, Brig Duty, Recruiter, Flag Chef Program | 36 |
| 1-5 | CS2 CS3 | 4.5 Yrs 2.2 | 36 | | 1 st Sea Tour Billet: Galley/Stateroom Stations Duty: Ship/Squadron/ExpUnits Qualification: ESWS/EAWS/EXW |
| 1+/- | CS3 CSSN CSSA Accession Training | 9 Months | | | Recruit Training and all schools or training events required to be completed prior to reporting to their first operational command. |

Notes:

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1. "A" school is not required.

Considerations for advancement from E6 to E7

1. Sea Assignments (all)

- Galley, Wardroom or Cargo LPO, Assistant LPO, Galley Supervisor
- Qualified OOD(I/P)/JOOD
- DCTT team or other Training Team member/Repair locker leader or other DC organization involvement.
- Primary or assistant Command Collateral with documented impact
- FCPOA involvement

2. Shore Assignments (all)

- Department/Divisional LPO
- RDC
- Flag Chef Program

Considerations for advancement from E7 to E8

1. Sea Assignments (all)

- Department or Division LCPO
- Qualified OOD(I/P), Section leader, and other outside the normal scope (ie: ATTWO, OOD(U/W))
- DCTT team or other Training Team member/Repair locker leader or other DC organization involvement.
- Command Collateral with documented impact
- Active CPO Mess/Association involvement

2. Shore Assignments (all)

- NOSC LCPO/SEL
- Training CPO
- Flag Chef Program
- Qualified CDO

Considerations for advancement from E8 to E9

1. Sea Assignments (all)

- No sea duty billets for CSCS

2. Shore Assignments (all)

- NOSC LCPO/CSEL