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Culinary Arts  
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### Sample OSTC Mission Statement Essay

When I was nine years old I learned to bake. My grandmother showed me how to make cookies, and we began a tradition of baking for our family each Sunday. I first baked to connect to my family, but I soon learned that I had a natural talent for cooking. My passions for pastry grew, and eventually I decided I want to open my own bakery one day.

In order to reach my career goal, I enrolled in the Culinary Arts and Hospitality program at Oakland Schools Technical Campus. During my first year at OSTC, I learned how to make a wide range of desserts, which will prepare me to open my own bakery. I also learned about inventory, menu design, safety, and service. Now I am in my second year of the program, and I am expected to be a leader for the first year students. These leadership skills will help me run my own business one day.

To further my learning, my instructor helped me find a job at a local restaurant, Trisha's Café. At Trisha's, I baked bread, muffins, cookies, and other pastries. I assembled sandwiches, made soups from scratch, and prepared a variety of drinks. At my job, I was able to get more experience interacting with customers, navigating a commercial kitchen, and safely preparing food. These experiences have helped me improve my culinary skills for the future.

In order to reach my goal of owning a bakery, I plan to attend Baker College to pursue a Baking and Pastry Associate of Applied Science. I will already be eligible for six free credits at Baker College after completing the culinary program at OSTC. After finishing my degree, I plan to work at a bakery to earn more experience and save up money. In five years, I hope to be able to take out a small business loan to open my own bakery. I think my grandma will be very proud.

**Comment [MS1]:** Explains what led you to that career goal.

**Comment [MS2]:** Clearly states desired career.

**Comment [MS3]:** Clearly states CFE cluster/program of study.

**Comment [MS4]:** Gives an overview of what you've learned in your OSTC program.

**Comment [MS5]:** Describes how CFE has prepared you for your desired career.

**Comment [MS6]:** Describes other work/volunteer experiences outside of OSTC that influenced your career goals.

**Comment [MS7]:** Explains how these experiences have prepared you for your desired career and/or influenced your career goals.

**Comment [MS8]:** Clearly states desired career.

**Comment [MS9]:** Describes training/experience that will be pursued to reach this goal over the course of the next five years.

**Comment [MS10]:** Identifies what you hope to be doing in five years.