

JEFF GORDON

Department Head, Culinary Arts and Professional Food Studies



Jeff Gordon graduated from NAIT's Culinary Arts program in 1989. Now well-versed in the art of cookery, Jeff's impressive culinary resume includes stints at many prestigious properties, including Walden's Restaurant, the Fairmont Hotel MacDonald and Restaurant Hecht in Zug, Switzerland.

In 1998, Jeff accepted a position as chef instructor at NAIT. In 2010, he moved into the role of associate chair for the Department of Culinary Arts and Professional Food Studies, and in June 2016 he accepted the position of Department Head of the Culinary Arts and Professional Food Studies Department in the School of Skilled Trades.

MAYNARD KOLSKOG

Instructor, Culinary Arts





Hailing from Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, Maynard Kolskog graduated from NAIT's Commercial Cooking program in 1980. Inspired to embark on a culinary journey by the late Chef John Butler, Maynard completed his apprenticeship under noted Executive Chef Beat Hegnauer at Edmonton's Four Seasons Hotel.

To expand and educate his palate, Maynard went on a cycling and culinary adventure through Europe, eating European cuisines and drinking regional wines. Returning to Edmonton, he worked at Bella Festa, a popular local eatery, where he furthered his knowledge of Italian cookery. Maynard later purchased the restaurant and renamed it Tavola Da Pranza, which he operated for a number of years with his wife. His experience culminated in a position as executive sous-chef at the Delta Centre Suite Hotel.

Maynard's culinary journey came full circle when he joined NAIT as a Culinary Arts instructor in 2001, reuniting with fellow program grads





David Whitaker and Alan Dumonceaux. While he was evening dining instructor, he incorporated principles of molecular gastronomy into Ernest's menu, raising diners' sensory culinary experiences. Maynard teaches a full range of apprentice cooks and culinary arts courses, sharing his experiences and passion with aspiring students.



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