



# CSS – Culinary Specialist Submarines

## Working Environment

### Culinary Specialists Submarines

receive extensive training in cooking, baking, dining and living area management. Navy Culinary Specialists provide food service for admirals and senior government executives and run the White House Mess for the President of the United States. Responsible for all aspects of the dining (mess decks) and living areas, Culinary Specialist Submarines work in the “heart of the Submarine,” and are vital in maintaining high crew morale on the submarine and every shore base.

**Obligation.** Active duty obligation is four years. Applicants will enlist for four years.

**Advancement.** Enlistees enlist as E-1s (seaman recruits). Completion of all advancement-in-rate requirements (including minimum time-in-rate) must be completed prior to advancement to E-2, E-3 and E-4. Top graduates of initial “pipeline” training may elect accelerated advancement to E-4 if they execute an agreement to extend their enlistment one additional year. Advancement in this rate to E-4 (Petty Officer Third Class) is historically greater than other Navy ratings.

### What They Do

- Preparing menus and ordering the quantities and types of food items;
- Operating kitchen and dining facilities;
- Keeping records for food supplies and financial budgets;
- Serving as personal food service specialists on admiral’s staffs and for the commanding officer aboard ship or at shore bases;
- Operating and managing living quarters aboard submarines and work at shore based motel/hotel type quarters.

Culinary Specialist Submarines work in kitchens, dining areas, living quarters and food service storerooms aboard ships and shore bases. The work is both physically and mentally challenging and involves working as part of a team.

## Opportunities

This rating has outstanding hotel and food service management skills training and development directly transferable to the civilian job sector, either at the end of obligated service or a full 20 to 30 year career. New and exciting career opportunities await the select group of people who possess knowledge and experience gained through Navy training. Of course, the longer you stay the more training, experience, skills, and benefits you will receive. These skills and training are in demand in both the civilian and military career fields.

## Qualifications and Interests

Culinary Specialist Submarines must be good team workers and enjoy working with people. Ability to do work, follow recipes and keep records is important. Good arithmetic skills are required for working with recipes. Creative ability and an interest in nutrition and culinary art are also helpful. CSS’s must be U.S. citizens and eligible for a security clearance.

## Elite Program

This rating is open to men who volunteer for submarine duty. Submarine pay is paid monthly upon the completion of Basic Enlisted Submarine School, currently \$75.00 to \$355.00 (see Submarine Pay chart). All submarine ratings are members of an *elite* community consisting of highly professional, well-trained personnel

| <b>Career Path After Recruit Training</b>   |                  |                           |  |   |
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| Enlistees are taught the fundamentals of this rating through on-the-job training or formal Navy schooling. Advanced technical and operational training is available in this rating during later stages of career development.   |                  |                           |  |   |
| School  | Present Location | Approximate Training Time | Subjects                                     | Training Methods                            |
| Class “A” Technical School  | FORT Lee, VA     | Approximately 9 Weeks     | Food preparation, nutrition, dining service. | Group instruction and practical application |
| Basic Enlisted Submarine School   | Groton, CT       | 4 weeks                   | Indoctrination in basic submarine systems.   | Group instruction and practical application |
| After Basic Enlisted Submarine School, CSS’s are assigned to serve on all types of submarines and at shore facilities in the United States and overseas. During a 20 year period in the Navy, CSS’s spend about 60 percent of their time assigned to fleet units and 40 percent to shore stations. Since Navy CS program and courses are revised at times, the information contained on this rating card is subject to change. <i>Note:</i> All applicants must read and understand the Submarine Volunteer Statement of Understanding. |                  |                           |  |   |



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### Earn College Credit



The American Council on Education recommends that semester hour credits be awarded in the vocational certificate and lower-division bachelor's/associate's degree categories for courses taken in this rating on office machines and general clerical procedures. To see the college credits available via a **Joint Service Transcript** for this rating:

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[https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/jst/css\\_jst.pdf](https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/jst/css_jst.pdf)

### Earn Department of Labor (DOL) Nationally Recognized Apprenticeships



USMAP

The United Services Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP) is a formal military training program that provides active duty and Full Time Support (FTS) Service members the opportunity to improve their job skills and to complete their civilian apprenticeship requirements while they are on active duty. The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) provides the nationally recognized "Certificate of Completion" upon program completion. Visit United Services Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP) for LS apprenticeships.

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<https://usmap.netc.navy.mil/usmapss/static/navyRates.htm>

### Earn Industry Recognized Credentials



Navy Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (Navy COOL)

Navy COOL catalogs and defines comprehensive information on occupational credentials - including certifications, licenses, and apprenticeships - correlating with every Navy rating and some collateral duties. It provides "how to" instructions for pursuing these credentials, links to credentialing organizations, and cross-references to programs that help Sailors pay for credentialing fees. Shortly following the initial rating technical training (Class "A" technical school), Sailors may be able to take advantage of earning civilian/industry certifications & licenses (credentials), funded through Navy COOL. Visit the Navy COOL website to view these opportunities. See the link below.

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<https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/enlisted/css.htm>

### Manage a Navy Career with Navy LaDR (Learning and Development Roadmap)



To see the Navy LaDR (Learning and Development Roadmap) for this rating:

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[https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/LaDR/css\\_e1\\_e9.pdf](https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/LaDR/css_e1_e9.pdf)

### Earn Skill Sets Towards Civilian Related Occupations



The skill sets for this rating crosswalk to civilian related occupations listed by the U.S. Department of Labor. To see Related Civilian, Federal, and Military Sealift Command Occupations for this rating, see the link below.

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