Marcus Thompson

Bartender

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- High-volume bartender with 4+ years of experience in craft cocktail lounges and sports bars
- Proven ability to maintain 18 drinks per 10 minutes during peak service while ensuring accuracy and guest satisfaction
- Increased bar sales by 25% through strategic upselling and signature cocktail creation

WORK EXPERIENCE

The Copper Lounge, Chicago, IL

March 2022 - Present

Lead Bartender

- Increased average check size by 28% through strategic upselling of premium spirits and craft cocktail recommendations
- Created seasonal cocktail menu featuring locally-sourced ingredients, boosting cocktail sales by 35% over previous quarter
- Trained 6 new bartenders on POS systems, cocktail recipes, and service standards, reducing onboarding time by 40%
- Maintained accurate cash drawer with zero discrepancies over 18-month period while processing 75+ transactions per shift

Murphy's Sports Bar & Grill, Chicago, IL

June 2020 - February 2022

Bartender

- Managed solo bar service during peak game nights, serving 150+ customers while maintaining 3-minute average service time
- Implemented inventory tracking system that reduced liquor waste by 15% and prevented stockouts during busy periods
- Achieved highest customer satisfaction scores among bar staff for 8 consecutive months based on guest feedback surveys
- Collaborated with kitchen staff to coordinate food and beverage timing for 12-top parties and special events

Riverside Tavern, Chicago, IL

September 2019 - May 2020

Server/Barback

- Supported lead bartenders during high-volume service, restocking and maintaining bar organization for 200+ seat venue
- Memorized 40+ wine varietals and beer selections to provide accurate recommendations to guests
- Processed payment transactions and maintained POS accuracy while serving 6-table section during dinner service
- Developed extensive product knowledge across full beverage menu, leading to promotion to bartender role

TECHNICAL SKILLS

POS Systems

- POS Systems: Micros, Toast, Aloha
- Cocktail preparation and mixology techniques
- Wine and beer knowledge (40+ varietals, craft beer styles)
- Inventory management and cost control

CERTIFICATIONS

Professional Certifications

- TIPS Certified (expires 2025)
- Illinois Basset Certification (current)
- Food Handler's Permit (current)
- Responsible Beverage Service Training

SERVICE SKILLS

Service Excellence

- High-volume order management (average 18 drinks per 10 minutes during peak hours)
- Guest rapport building and regular customer retention
- Conflict de-escalation and responsible service enforcement
- Cash handling and payment processing accuracy

EDUCATION

Chicago Bartending Academy, Chicago, IL

August 2019

Bartending Certification

University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL

2017 - 2019

Bachelor of Arts in Communications (Incomplete - 75 credits)

Lincoln Park High School, Chicago, IL

2017

High School Diploma

HONORS

2nd Place - Chicago Craft Cocktail Competition

October 2023

Chicago Craft Cocktail Competition

Created "Windy City Whiskey Smash" featuring local honey and seasonal fruit

Employee of the Month (3 consecutive months)

July - September 2023

The Copper Lounge

Highest sales performance and customer satisfaction scores

Jameson Irish Whiskey Brand Ambassador Certification

March 2023

Jameson Irish Whiskey

Completed advanced training on Irish whiskey production and cocktail applications

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional Qualifications

- Fluent in English and conversational Spanish
- Available for opening, closing, and weekend shifts
- Cocktail creation portfolio available upon request
- References available upon request