



Job Title: Beverage Laboratory Technician

Company: Next Century Spirits

Location: Raleigh / Zebulon NC

About the Company:

Next Century Spirits, LLC is an advanced technology company specializing in the creation and processing of distilled spirits. We aim to blend tradition and technology in order to supply the global spirits market with the best products possible. Our product lines include a wide variety of custom whiskies, rums, gins, vodkas, liqueurs, and ready-to-drink canned cocktail offerings. With adaptable, state-of-the-art systems, we provide spirits that are used in everything from craft brands to large, bulk blends.

NCS is a high growth startup based in the Triangle region of North Carolina. Founded in 2018, the company has seen extreme expansion and success in a short period, with numerous customers and over four dozen medals for quality.

Primary Job Details & Your Role:

- Assist in day-to-day activities of the beverage development laboratory, including inventory management, sample shipments, product development, technology testing, and data logging.
- Assist in liquid quality control and analytical testing and working in tandem with production and sales/marketing teams to maintain and improve alcoholic beverage products.
- Advance company goals through thorough implementation of sound scientific practices, successful application of technology, and development of new product lines under the direction of the master blender and laboratory manager.

Position Responsibilities:

- Create and prepare product samples for customers, product tastings, and trade show activities through proper processing, blending, dilution, filtration, canning, and bottling methods.
- Work with laboratory staff to source and maintain product ingredient stocks.



- Support a wide range of quality and laboratory activities from concept generation to commercialization for alcoholic beverages.
- Maintain proper records of work activities and ingredient documentation.
- Maintain product quality through proofing, UV-VIS, GC, sensory analysis and other analytical methods.
- Maintain a clean and organized laboratory workspace.
- Keep track of project goals and ensure that your work meets all regulatory and compliance requirements, including TTB, FDA, and internal standards.
- Create and maintain timelines, actions plans, reports, and presentations to communicate progress and manage risk.
- Represent beverage technical considerations including quality, stability, food safety, manufacturability, and application functionality.
- Positively influence and engage in a creative, performance driven culture.

Minimum Qualifications:

Minimum job requirements dictate that the candidate should:

- Be 21 years of age or older, and willing/able to taste alcoholic beverages
- Have an Associate's/Bachelor's degree or higher in Food Science, Chemistry, Engineering, or similar discipline (or equivalent industry experience). Beverage concentration experience, alcoholic beverage formulation experience highly preferred.
- Have a basic understanding and/or experience with standard analytical chemistry methods, including liquid dilutions, pH, turbidity, and UV-VIS.
- Understand GMP for lab and production settings, and maintain food safety regulatory standards
- Maintain a professional and targeted approach; and establish the ability to ask relevant questions,
- Have a strong work ethic, attention to detail, and the ability to multitask.
- Be independent, collaborative, and able to drive beverage development initiatives within a diverse team.
- Be a strong team player; have experience in bringing teams/individuals together to deliver project results through strong thought and executional leadership



Preferred Qualifications:

- Previous beverage development industry experience
- Hands-on experience with distilled spirits and other alcoholic beverages
- Sensory panel training, specifically related to alcoholic beverages

Candidate Capabilities:

- Strong work ethic and ability to listen/take directives.
- Ability to manage many diverse projects at one time
- Self-motivated, takes initiative; positively influence others
- Highly collaborative
- Strong problem solving skills
- Strong communication and presentation skills
- Change readiness, resilience and flexibility to thrive in a constantly-changing and fast moving organization

Why Apply for a job Next Century Spirits?

- As a high-growth startup, NCS offers opportunities for unique professional growth not found in other companies.
- NCS promotes a positive, supportive, and collaborative workplace culture
- NCS is active on a global scale, doing business in and operating out of multiple locations around the world.
- NCS's leadership team includes some of the best-qualified and experienced people in the industry.
- NCS provides training and development in the fast-paced and exciting distilled spirits industry

Individuals interested in applying should send their most current resume and a cover letter to Careers@NextCenturySpirits.com