





# **ESSENTIAL SALES SKILLS**

# **Enabling Effective Conversations**

Sales excellence is built upon continually improving essential skills in line with a progressive mindset. Learn how to build a holistic sales approach to overcome challenges and capitalise on opportunities.



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# **Selling to Different Personality Types**

In sales, if we understood everyone's personality style, we would know just what to say and how to say it.

In this module, you will:

- 1. Identify what your personality style means for you.
- Examine introvert and extrovert characteristics and tailor your approach to their needs.
- Identify personality types through Merrill-Reid/Wilson social styles model and flex your selling style for better engagement.
- Analyse the communication preferences of various personality types and what to avoid.
- Adapt Gartner's Challenger profile for virtual working environments.

# Module 3

#### Storytelling for Sales

In sales, stories are designed to create a better alternative by crafting compelling pictures. Using examples of well-known brands and the science behind storytelling, this module provides a framework for how to structure and deliver stories within sales conversations to have maximum impact.

In this module, you will:

- Explore the science of storytelling and how to use stories to invoke action.
- Recognise the benefits of storytelling in sales and engage your audience effectively.
- 3. Identify what to avoid in your stories.
- Explore how to use each selling experience as a storytelling opportunity.
- Review examples of well-known brands and the origin of their stories.

# Module 2

# The Art of Sales Questioning

Listening and asking questions are essential for learning, and success in sales. Embrace curiosity; asking the right questions at the right time uncovers valuable insights from customers and prospects.

In this module, you will:

- Explore the 6 active listening skills and assess their significance in sales.
- 2. Identify how to build rapport through questioning.
- 3. Evaluate varied questioning techniques based on the sales funnel stage.
- Assess the creation of your own flexible Q&A strategy for predictability.
- Examine in-depth questioning with the 5 why root cause analysis technique.

# Module 4

#### **Handling Objections**

An objection is like a 'speed bump' on the road. It slows the conversation, requires your attention and careful navigation to ensure a smooth continuation.

In this module, you will:

- 1. Identify objection handling in sales and its various strategies.
- Explore using objections as opportunities for timely, decisive responses in sales conversations.
- 3. Review different ways of saying 'No', and using it to set boundaries.
- Assess common objections and strategies to effectively manage them.
- 5. Evaluate objection levels at different stages of the sales process.



# Module 5

# **Creating & Maintaining Urgency**

The inability to create and maintain urgency often delays opportunities in the sales process. When barriers exist, this leads to a lengthening of the sales cycle and a pushback on decisions.

In this module, you will:

- 1. Identify the importance of maintaining urgency at the sales process's outset.
- Understand how identifying pain points and needs can drive urgency.
- Evaluate strategies for building urgency from the start of the process.
- 4. Review why asking for the business is part of the maintaining urgency process.
- 5. Identify the non-buying signals that you need to watch and listen out for.

# Module 7

# **Closing the Sale**

Closing a sale, similar to reaching a mountain's summit, marks the peak of effort, strategy, and perseverance. Unlike a mountain with a defined summit, sales can close at various stages. Recognising these points and formally asking for the business is crucial.

In this module, you will:

- 1. Examine the formality of closing a sale, including various techniques to use.
- Evaluate the buying signals you need to be listening to and looking out for.
- Understand how showing empathy during sales process delays can enhance relationships.
- 4. Assess strategies for managing delays.
- 5. Realise the final critical steps once you close the sale.

# Module 6

# **Sales Negotiation**

In every transaction where a need is being fulfilled, there is an opportunity to negotiate. This two-way process is beneficial for both the seller and the buyer.

In this module, you will:

- 1. Review what negotiation is.
- 2. Explore effective negotiation management from prenegotiation to reaching an agreement.
- 3. Identify your non-negotiables and list of tradeable elements when negotiating.
- 4. Explore the rules of negotiation and what to actively avoid.