

# Customer Service Courses

"Training is the cornerstone of success in any field." – Lisa Raven

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"The only thing worse than training employees and losing them is to not train them and keep them." – Zig Ziglar

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Named one of the Top 15 Customer Service Training Courses by COMM100!

### **Customer Service Essentials (CSE)**

#### **COURSE OVERVIEW**

This training increases the confidence of your team members so they can consistently deliver an exceptional customer experience. This course reflects the best when it comes to proven, reproducible communication techniques that empower your team members to make every interaction a productive and successful one. With these proven communication skills, your team will learn to transform customers into loyal and enthusiastic advocates for your company.

Using customized, real-life examples that go beyond theory, your team will learn how to apply these techniques to any situation. By integrating them quickly and easily into their daily routine, they'll see immediate results your customers will notice and appreciate.

With Customer Service Essentials, your team will know how to transform every interaction into a positive customer service experience. They will learn to talk to customers in a relatable, authentic and professional way. The end result is a consistent, top level service model that creates a spark throughout your company's culture.

"You've got to start with the customer experience and work back toward the technology, not the other way around." —Steve Jobs







"A leader leads by example, whether he intends to or not." -John Quincy Adams

### Sustain the Training: Customer Service Essentials

#### **COURSE OVERVIEW**

Sustaining training is vital to training results, improving company culture and creating an environment where employees can thrive. Leadership is influence and a great leader is intentional in their behavior. Your leaders have one of the biggest impacts in learning transfer and keeping the training alive, and Sustain the Training: Customer Service Essentials equips leaders to do just that.

This workshop follows one of our frontline training programs - Customer Service Essentials or Sales Essentials. We collaborate with your Leaders to create a customized sustainability plan, which can include:

- Techniques and formulas to coach and motivate teams
- Individual and team development plans
- Ways for your teams to be involved in the sustainability plan
- A structure for implementing side-by-side coaching sessions

Whether a leader operates in a purposeful way or not, either way they are leading and modeling behavior for their staff to follow. Sustain the Training: Customer Service Essentials provides an intentional path to excellence through leaders' consistent support and guidance. It truly is the path to sustaining the training. *"Leadership is intentional influence."* - Tim Cook





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"The only thing worse than training your employees and having them leave is not training them and having them stay." - Henry Ford

# **Customer Service Essentials Train-the-Trainer & Licensing**



Are any of these true for you?

You're tasked with creating a customer service program for your organization

high turnover & your front door has become a revolving door

sure how to get your employees to onsistently deliver great service

#### If you answered Yes to any of the above, then you're in luck! Keep reading!

Bonfire Training has a convenient and cost-effective solution to help you keep training going all year long. Our customized customer service training programs can be delivered by your firm at your location at any time, both for existing employees and new hires. With this program in place, you will make exceptional service the standard throughout your organization.

With Trainer Certification and a License Agreement, your organization will have Bonfire's proven Customer Service Essentials program as part of your curriculum. Your trainers can immediately train any of your staff throughout the year, creating consistency of service throughout your organization.

Customized with your

real-world scenarios & designed to meet your desired outcomes.

"An organization's ability to learn, and translate that learning into action rapidly, is the ultimate competitive advantage." – Jack Welch

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Train-the-Trainer and Licensing



Live Remote Training options are also available.

Presented in a multi-media, fun, interactive manner with group exercises to engage participants.

Materials and job aids to support additional learning reinforcement.

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"Sustaining high levels of service is a constant effort. Customer Service is a journey, not a destination." – Shep Hyken

### Creating & Sustaining Customer Service Excellence

#### Customer Service Essentials, Sustain the Training: Customer Service Essentials, Train-the-Trainer & Licensing

It's said that the path to success isn't always a straight line - but it can be! Whether focusing on a single department or a company-wide initiative, Bonfire will light the way to creating a sustainable and highly successful customer service culture within your organization.

#### CSE

The journey starts with applicable observations and assessments to better understand your environment, training goals, unique customer interactions, areas of focus, and desired learning and business outcomes. The next step is taking that information and creating your customized Customer Service Essentials (CSE) training program that will meet your training goals and objectives.

Whether delivered at your location or virtually, your tailored CSE program will equip your team with consistent and exceptional skills to provide your customers with the best service experience. The result will be a positive shift in company culture and engagement for both internal and external customers.

#### SUSTAIN THE TRAINING: CSE

Immediately following the delivery of CSE, your Bonfire Trainer will guide your supervisors, managers and other leaders through Sustain the Training: Customer Service Essentials (CSE). This course will equip your leaders with individual and team development plans, techniques and formulas to coach and motivate their teams.

Sustain the Training: CSE is packed with a 24-week plan and ready-to-go tools including huddle agendas, coaching and monitoring forms and quality assurance guidelines tailored to your specific needs and training goals. There are also recommended Spark Videos to help sustain the training – these are 2-minute micro-learning burst videos with topics covered in your CSE training.

"Building a good customer experience does not happen by accident. It happens by design." – Clare Muscutt





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#### **TTT & LICENSING**

To complete the journey and ensure that the standards become a core part of your culture, your Bonfire Trainer will deliver Train-the-Trainer (TTT), which will enable your in-house trainers to deliver CSE year-round for your team. After participating in this 1-2 day session, your trainers will understand the CSE concepts and the "why" behind each technique along with facilitation methods and philosophies that will keep your team engaged. With a License Agreement in place, you get a convenient and cost-effective option to providing regular, ongoing, consistent training that will help establish exceptional service standards throughout your organization.

### LICENSE PROGRAM BENEFITS

Ability to deliver Bonfire's CSE course an unlimited number of times per year

Ability to order Bonfire workbooks and job aids for training sessions Access to Bonfire Trainers for ongoing assistance and support Alignment of Bonfire Training's customer service standards of excellence with your company's overall vision

#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This training is perfect for anyone who is responsible for training new or existing staff. While we're happy to work with any trainers, our Licensing & Trainer Certification program is ideally suited for experienced trainers looking to deliver the quality of a Bonfire Training program in-house.

"Corporate culture is the only sustainable competitive advantage that is completely within the control of the entrepreneur." — David Cummings



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### **Above the Line Service**

"Customer service is an attitude...not a department." – Mo Hardy

#### **COURSE OVERVIEW**

To really understand what separates *excellent* service from *average* service, all you need is a line. That's right...a simple line. Excellent service is above the line, and average service is below the line.

While we each have a personal line by which we judge customer service success, there are some behaviors that are undeniably above the line, including problem resolution, a customer care mindset, empathy and resiliency. How we deliver on these behaviors creates a "feeling of service", whether good or bad, and that feeling can impact your relationship with the customer, the company's reputation, and ultimately your company's success.

This course focuses on 4 key skills that are linked to "Above the Line" service.

- **Problem Resolution** approaching your customer's request in a consultative, solution-focused way
- Customer Care Mindset delivering excellent service requires an "ALL IN" mentality and genuine care for your customer
- **Empathy** picking up the emotional cues of others and responding appropriately
- **Resiliency** bouncing back from a tough customer encounter and managing emotions in an effort to respond instead of react

Through skill development and real-world application, each "Above the Line" skill will cultivate a renewed spirit of service excellence and give your team members elevated tools to deliver "Above the Line" service with each interaction.

"It takes months to find a customer and seconds to lose them." – Vince Lombardi





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"The highest form of knowledge is empathy." – George Eliot

Customized with your real-world scenarios & designed to meet your desired outcomes.

# **Compassion Fatigue**

### **COURSE OVERVIEW**

Research has shown that frequent exposure to the hardships of others can lead one to become detached, apathetic and numb to the feelings of others. This is known as Compassion Fatigue, which is a condition characterized by a gradual lessening of compassion over time.

The two most common reactions amongst workers who begin suffering from Compassion Fatigue are cynicism and emotional exhaustion. Cynicism is characterized by a general distrust of others and their motives. Emotional exhaustion leaves you feeling drained and tired.

This creates employees who are about as caring as a robot. Obviously, having robots interacting with your clients isn't a recipe for customer satisfaction. In this course, we will identify the warning signs of Compassion Fatigue and explore the techniques to rebound and build resiliency.

When pockets of Compassion Fatigue emerge, employee engagement and morale are negatively impacted. By using techniques involving self-care and reflection, expressing compassion is no longer a burden. This paves the way for your employees to demonstrate a genuine understanding and have an empathetic connection with your customers. 48% of US workforce experiences high levels of personal distress that is directly associated to their job duties.



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Presented in a multi-media, fun, interactive manner with group exercises to engage participants.

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### **Customer Service Advantage**

### **COURSE OVERVIEW**

One of the burning questions every leader has asked and contemplated over and over is:

"How do I equip my employees to provide the best service that also promotes our reputation and customer loyalty?"

Notice that question spotlights reputation and loyalty rather than customer satisfaction. There is strong evidence that customer satisfaction does not guarantee a good reputation or customer loyalty. Research indicates that there are six skills that give your employees the advantage to creating customer loyalty and a desired reputation.

The focus of this course is on building vital behaviors that enable your team to increase customer loyalty while improving morale, teamwork and commitment throughout the workplace. Grounded in DISC\* and key sources of research, this program is focused on advancing participants' capabilities in six specific skills. The value of using DISC reveals each participant's tendency toward each skill. These six skills are:

- **Empathy** The ability to understand the feelings, thoughts or attitudes of others and express care and concern.
- **Resiliency** Recover from adversity and discomfort to perform at your best every time.
- Asking Great Questions Formulate questions that extract useful answers.
- **Customer Advocacy** Actively and proactively support and promote what is good for others.
- Adaptability Modify personal behaviors and emotions to create a receptive environment.
- Persuasion Move others to a belief or action.

\* DISC is a widely used behavioral assessment tool used to improve teamwork and understand different communication styles.



"Go beyond merely communicating to connecting with people." – Jerry Bruckner



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*"It's what you learn after you know it all that counts."* – John Wooden



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### **Essential Refreshers**

### **COURSE OVERVIEW**

Has it been at least 12-18 months since the initial Customer Service Essentials or Sales Essentials course was delivered? If so, ideally it's time to review, refresh and enrich some of the real-time communication skills initially taught in either or both Essentials courses.

In Customer Service Essentials Refresher we take a deeper dive into some of the more challenging communication techniques that are required to provide next level service. In Sales Essentials Refresher we take it to the next level and further explore all that goes into the art of developing a great offer to ensure that the "pitch" is spot on.

These Refresher sessions are highly customized and most effective when clients provide examples of their specific challenges, and if possible also provide recorded calls to use as a "study" for how conversations could have been improved.

Because people learn by doing, this session is all about individual activity, group exercises, role-play and self-reflection. All of this helps to create or reinforce good habits that will help transform every interaction into a positive and successful one.



"Positivity is like a muscle; keep exercising it and it becomes a habit." – Natalie Massenet







Be able to identify and Have the most **Have increased** improve sustainability current best developmental of techniques practices gaps Have elevated Increase consistency in retention of service and/or skills and sales standards techniques **BUSINESS OUTCOMES Enhanced Best** Improved reputation Increased cohesiveness Decrease in Practices of company standards through consistency employee turnover of service WHO SHOULD ATTEND? Those who have previously completed a Bonfire Training Essentials course -**Customer Service Essentials or Sales** Essentials.

#### **PROGRAM FORMAT**

Half-to-One-day onsite instructor-led sessions that can be split into shorter sessions to accommodate schedules.

Live Remote Training options are also available.

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Materials and job aids to support additional learning reinforcement.



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### Field Customer Service Essentials

"The customer's perception is your reality." - Kate Zabriskie

#### **COURSE OVERVIEW**

Being easy to do business with must be a cornerstone element of every business. This takes on new meaning for the technicians, line people, auditors and other positions your company has out in the field. The exposure field employees have to customers is unique because field reps are always "on". A service technician can be driving to the next customer and everyone who sees him or her during that drive will form an opinion of your organization.

In this workshop, we turn the switch on for your field reps to Be GREAT at all times. Be GREAT is a quick and powerful acronym that defines how to be the best for the customer as well as the company. Even the smallest interactions have a powerful impact on a company's reputation. Be GREAT equips your field employees with key behaviors and interaction techniques to show a customer-first focus.

The Be GREAT acronym stands for...

- Greeting: Research reports that the first impression sticks in the minds of your customer. This section of the training hones in on the first impression being positive.
- **R**espect: Respect and rapport techniques are entwined. These techniques create rapport through respectful actions.
- Empathy: Expressing empathy can calm nervous customers and create a connection that helps customers be receptive and cooperative.
- Accountability: Taking ownership even during difficult customer situations is doable with these techniques.
- Talk: The words we choose as well as our voice tone and body language communicate the full message of what we are saying.

By training both internal team members and the team out in the field, your organization will have a powerful, positive and cohesive brand.

"The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team." – Phil Jackson





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"Good service is good business." -Siebel Ad

### **Sales & Service Essentials**

#### **COURSE OVERVIEW**

Bonfire Training's Sales and Service Essentials course reflects only the best when it comes to proven communication techniques that will empower your team members to make every interaction a productive and successful one. This class provides your team with the real-time communication skills necessary to turn prospects into customers, and current customers into enthusiastic advocates for your company.

We will show your team how mindset helps or hinders the sales process, how to recognize buying/interest signals, and how to ask the right questions to move the conversation forward. They will understand how to influence the customer's buying decisions and productively gain agreement with the customer on what are the best next steps.

With customized, real-life examples that go beyond just theory, your team will learn how to apply these techniques to any situation, integrating them quickly and easily into a daily routine. We will help your team move what feels like "common sense" into "common practice" for immediate results your customers will notice and appreciate. "Our attitude towards others determines their attitude towards us." - Earl Nightingale









Customized with your real-world scenarios & designed to meet your desired outcomes.

### **Serving Self & Others**

#### **COURSE OVERVIEW**

Each employee has the ability and choice to show up for customers in an attentive, caring, and considerate way, and this serves both the customer and yourself. This workshop examines how to accomplish this dual goal within each customer interaction, even during tough conversations. Gaining a customer's trust, receptivity and cooperation involves the ability to use the following five skills to serve yourself and others well.

- Mindset and Perspective: Recognizing our personal beliefs and how these show up in our actions.
- **Grit:** The ability to purposefully perform at your very best, despite adversity and challenging situations.
- **Empathy:** Caring and creating a connection to help manage customer emotions. Compassion fatigue can emerge when signs of indifference and feeling numb emerge within ourselves, and can be overcome with certain techniques.
- **Messaging:** Making conscious choices with words, body language and voice tone to help the customer's attention and comprehension.
- **Personal Motivation:** Engaging the ability we each have to inspire ourselves into meaningful action.

Making a difference to each customer in a way that connects them uniquely to your organization is possible with intentional use of these techniques. These serve the customer well and help instill healthy behaviors within ourselves.

"When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves." – Viktor Frankl



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Be a positive influence on the receptivity and cooperation of customers

Feel motivated and confident to improve customer interactions Apply tools to cope with the emotional aspects of tough customer conversations

Use techniques to create productive and caring customer conversations

#### **BUSINESS OUTCOMES**



Improve Employee Grit





- Enhance Customer Satisfaction & Loyalty
- Improve Employee

Performance

Improve the Caring

Nature of the Organization

### **PROGRAM FORMAT**

One-day onsite instructor-led session that can be split into shorter sessions to accommodate schedules.

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#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

All front-line employees who are the main contact for external customers.



### **Delivery Methods**

### **In-Person Training**

Whether you're looking for a one-day workshop, a major training initiative or something in between, Bonfire has your solution. From your initial conversation to post-training, implementation and sustainability, we collaborate and partner with you to ensure your long term success.

Our in-person training is:

- Tailored for you
- Engaging for your staff
- A source of continued support



One-to-Multiple-day onsite instructor-led sessions that can be split into shorter sessions to accommodate schedules. Presented in a multi-media, fun, interactive manner with group exercises to engage participants.

### **Live Remote Training**

Bonfire Training's Live Remote Training provides your team with customized courses delivered virtually by a Bonfire Trainer. Whether your team is together or participating individually, these live sessions can be accessed from anywhere in the world, allowing you to easily train multiple time zones and schedules.

Every training program and topic is highly customized to your company's goals, culture and unique interactions. Training is also formatted to 60, 90, or 120 minute segments and includes time to practice the techniques on-the-job, making them a perfect fit for complicated schedules and busy team members.

Our Live Remote sessions provide your employees with real time, reproducible skills that can be used throughout your organization and ignite a buzz! Regardless of where your team members are located or how busy workloads have become, it's always the right time to catch the SPARK that a motivated, empowered team can provide your company.

### **OnDemand Online Training**

Need the flexibility of OnDemand training? Our OnDemand Online Training brings Bonfire's exceptional courses to groups of any size, in any time zone, and in a format that fits into demanding schedules.

Each course consists of interactive modules that will engage the learner while delivering some of Bonfire's best techniques and applicable skills. Learners will receive printable reference and support materials to help them transfer their new skills to the real world.

There are two ways to access our online training:

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- OnDemand: Learners can sign up, pay, and complete the course through our website.
- LMS: The course files are available for purchase and deployment through your own Learning Management System.



### **Partner Services**

### **Customized eLearning**

Great training isn't "one-size-fits-all." We will partner with your team to understand your needs and work collaboratively through the development process to create a successful and engaging eLearning solution that supports your unique business environment.

Bonfire's experienced team of Instructional Designers and eLearning Developers will work with you to develop fully customized eLearning courses that will enhance your team members' skillsets and help drive business results.

This is learning convenience at its best! eLearning is accessible 24/7 to meet your scheduling parameters. Whether loaded on your Learning Management System or hosted on our platform, your customized learning experience will speak directly to your team, your client needs and your goals.

#### **Instructional Design**

Creating a relevant learning experience is Bonfire's fundamental focus when designing and developing effective training programs and materials.

Whether we take your existing training content and enhance/elevate the training experience or design and create an experience from the ground up, Bonfire will create the right course for your desired learning and business outcomes. From analysis of your training needs to the creation and implementation of sustainability activities, we are committed to providing relevant and innovative learning experiences that engage learners and makes a difference.

Bonfire's Instructional Design team has decades of experience as well as credentials in Instructional Design with the Association for Talent Development's Master Instructional Design designation. What does this mean to you? It means that we have the expertise, resources and passion for creating a course that achieves your vision and training goals. No matter the training delivery method - classroom workshops, eLearning, live remote or blended learning - we will package the training, materials and job aids to best fit your culture and team environment.



"One of the most important areas we can develop as professionals is competence in accessing and sharing knowledge." – Connie Malamed



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**Bonfire's Mission** 

To improve lives and transform relationships through positive communication and helping people be their best, on purpose, every time.

### **ABOUT BONFIRE TRAINING**

# Igniting Real Change

#### We believe in people...and in their unlimited potential after great training.

We have been building on this belief for nearly 35 years, focusing on the human element of communication while incorporating business functions and technology. We bring this focus and this belief to all of our courses, and our clients see the difference that our training makes in their people, their culture and their customers.

#### So....Why "Bonfire"?

After decades of success as PhonePRO, we rebranded to Bonfire Training. We decided on the name because a bonfire is a bright, inviting circle where people gather to communicate, have fun and where they feel comfortable sharing ideas. Around a bonfire, the sparks draw your gaze upward, the heat and light are welcoming and the circle keeps everyone connected. It's a positive, relatable image that makes everyone feel included. And that's how we feel about our training – it's for everyone and the skills light up their potential.

Though our name and logos have changed, our mission and values remain the same – we are here to help people be their best, on purpose, every time. And because we offer programs that are about Real Learning, Real Fun, and Real Results, we have clients all around the world that return to us year after year for continued education and training. For those of you who have stayed with us through the years, Thank You! And to our new clients, Welcome to Bonfire Training!

#### **OUR CORE VALUES**



Consider Team Before Self



Be Easy to Work with



Create Positive Energy



Practice What We Teach





# **REAL LEARNING**

*Exceptional, enlightened training sets us apart. And it will set you apart too.* 

### **REAL FUN**

*Truly effective training is enjoyable and fun; your team will be fired up in no time!* 

# **REAL RESULTS**

*Our holistic approach produces long-term results that keep the fire burning.* 



### WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT?



#### ACCREDITATIONS











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