

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





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Customer Service Essentials

"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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Sustain the Training: CSE

"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

You have high turnover & your front door has become a revolving door You're not sure how to get your employees to consistently 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. "An organization's ability to learn, and translate that learning into action

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

rapidly, is the ultimate competitive advantage."

- Jack Welch





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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

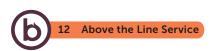
Through skill development and real-world application, each "Above the Line" skill will cultivate a renewed spirit of service excellence and give your team members elevated tools to deliver "Above the Line" service with each interaction.

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











"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.







Materials and job aids to support additional learning reinforcement.



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Calm in the Storm: De-Escalation Techniques

COURSE OVERVIEW

Calm in the Storm: De-Escalation Techniques is a 90-minute training designed to equip your team with the tools needed to effectively manage tense and challenging customer interactions. In today's fast-paced service environment, maintaining calm and professionalism during high-pressure situations is crucial. This course focuses on teaching de-escalation strategies that help identify and diffuse potential conflicts before they escalate, turning negative interactions into opportunities for positive resolutions. Participants will gain practical skills, such as active listening, empathetic communication, and boundary-setting, which will empower them to manage difficult customer situations with confidence and composure. "In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity."

- Albert Einstein







PROGRAM FORMAT

90 minutes onsite or live remote.

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

Materials and job aids support additional learning reinforcement.



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LEARNING OUTCOMES



BUSINESS OUTCOMES



Enhanced Communication Skills

Reduced Conflict

and Escalation



Higher Customer Retention



Increased Productivity



Improved Customer Satisfaction



Stronger Professionalism

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This training is perfect for anyone managing high-pressure or challenging customer interactions. Whether you're in customer service, leadership, or any role involving difficult conversations, this course is for you.

Bottom line, if staying calm and turning tense interactions into positive outcomes is part of your job, we've got you covered!



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



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

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







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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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.

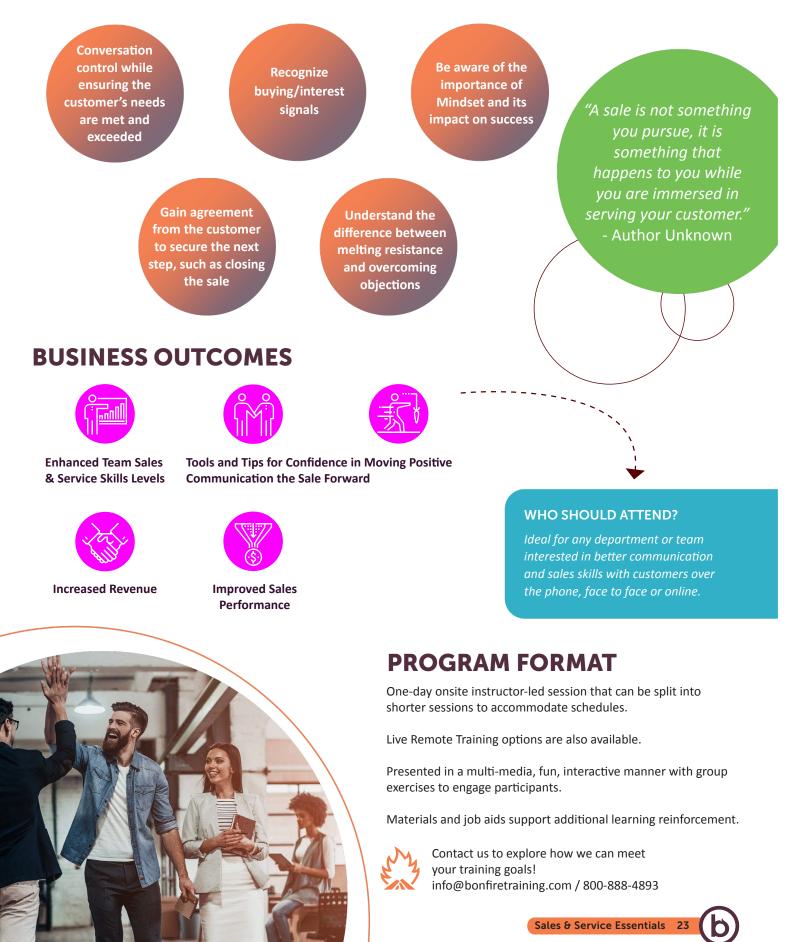
We will show your team how mindset helps or hinders the sales process, how to recognize buying/interest signals, and how to ask the right questions to move the conversation forward. They will understand how to influence the customer's buying decisions and productively gain agreement with the customer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











"The art of communication is the language of leadership." - James Humes

Understanding the Nuances of Chat Customer Service

COURSE OVERVIEW

Understanding the Nuances of Chat Customer Service is a 90-minute training focused on enhancing the skills required for effective digital customer interactions. As online channels become the primary mode of customer service, mastering the art of clear, empathetic, and engaging communication is essential. This course provides practical tools to learn the nuances of live chat interactions to help your team connect with customers across digital platforms, offering guidance on tone, language, and personalization techniques that make a lasting impression. From handling inquiries promptly to tailoring responses to each customer's unique needs, participants will learn strategies to deliver exceptional service that fosters loyalty and satisfaction.





PROGRAM FORMAT

90-minute session.

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

Materials and job aids support additional learning reinforcement.



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LEARNING OUTCOMES

Tone to meet **Clear and** The skills your objective The anatomy of concise and fulfill the great Chat every Chat communication Interaction Agent needs customer's needs **BUSINESS OUTCOMES** WHO SHOULD ATTEND? This training is ideal for anyone engaging with customers through digital platforms. Whether you're in customer service, sales, or Improved **Higher Efficiency Greater Team** any role requiring online communication, Customer Confidence this course will sharpen your skills. Satisfaction Bottom line, if you interact with customers online and want to make every chat count, this training is for you! **Enhanced Data** Reduced **Increased Sales Escalations Opportunities** Insights

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The Platinum Rule of Service

"Customer satisfaction is worthless. Customer loyalty is priceless." - Jeffrey Gitomer

COURSE OVERVIEW

"Treat others the way you want to be treated" is a phrase we're probably all familiar with. Commonly referred to as "The Golden Rule," this guiding principle reminds us to treat others with kindness, respect, and consideration—because that's what we want for ourselves.

Great, right? Well, there is one catch: everyone is different. This is where The Golden Rule has its limitations. While you might want one thing, your peer may want something completely different. In acknowledging and validating our individual uniqueness, "The Platinum Rule" was born.

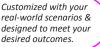
The Platinum Rule is about "treating people how *they* want to be treated." This is an important distinction because this shift in mindset allows us to consider the wants and needs of others rather than putting ourselves at the forefront. Built on the foundation of DISC Behavior Skills and Assessment, we've designed training to equip your team with relevant and applicable skills to elevate their level of service and meet customers where they are.

The focused topics of this training program include the following:

- Learning how to identify the customer's behavioral style
- Adapting to the customer's pace, phrasing, and pitch
- Understanding the different ways to help retain your customers
- Solving the customer's problem in their own vocabulary

"Get closer than ever to your customers. So close that you tell them what they need well before they realize it themselves." - Steve Jobs







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Understand that 'The Platinum Rule" is a wonderful gift you can give your customers

Discover your style using DISC for **Customer Service**

Comfortable identifying the different behavior styles

Learn ways to adapt your pace, phrasing, and pitch to the customer

Understand customers' varying styles in order to meet their needs

"It is not your customer's job to remember you; it is your obligation and responsibility to make sure they don't have the chance to forget you." - Patricia Fripp

BUSINESS OUTCOMES



Better

Communication

Fewer Customer Complaints

Enhanced Company Reputation



Consistency of Excellent Service

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Employees and members of management that are engaging in customer services interactions - be it customer-facing or internal to the organization.

PROGRAM FORMAT

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

Live Remote Training options are also available.

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The Platinum Rule of Service





Increased Customer Loyalty



Personal Impact

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this transformative course, Personal Impact, you will embark on a journey of self-discovery and interpersonal growth. Through engaging discussions and collaborative activities, you will identify your unique personal impact and learn the importance of personal accountability in fostering meaningful connections with your peers.

Delve into the two forms of trust, predictive-based trust and vulnerability-based trust. This learning journey will enhance your ability to take ownership of your personal impact and cultivate empathy for others. As you explore these concepts, you'll gain practical strategies to create a supportive environment where everyone can thrive.

By the end of this course, you will not only understand your impact but also learn how to work effectively with others to achieve shared goals and serve internal team members and external customers. Join us to discover how your actions can inspire positive change in both your life and the lives of those around you. "Leadership is not just about what you do but what you can inspire, encourage and empower others to do." -Jon Gordon







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LEARNING OUTCOMES





BUSINESS OUTCOMES



Enhanced Personal and Team Accountability



Improved Team Member Innovation



More Empowered Employees



Increased Team Engagement



Elevated Team Cohesion

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This highly engaging team-building focused course is for all levels of employees.

It has been used in enterprise-wide initiatives.



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:

- 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

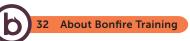


Create Positive Energy



Practice What We Teach





REAL LEARNING

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

REAL FUN

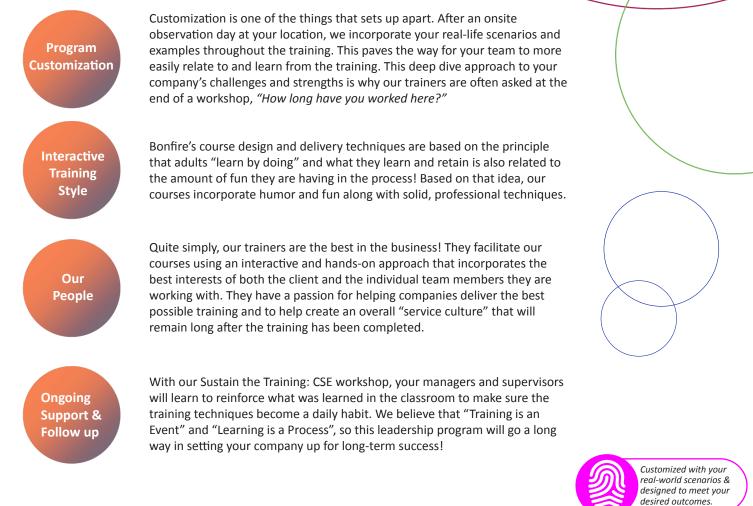
Truly effective training is enjoyable and fun; your team will be fired up in no time!

REAL RESULTS

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



WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT?



ACCREDITATIONS









Come join us around the bonfire!

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