

Executive and Personal Assistants Workshop

Course Duration 1 Day

Being an Executive or Personal Assistant is a unique position that requires a variety of skills. Whether you are updating schedules, making travel arrangements, minute taking, or creating important documents all must be done with a high degree of confidentiality. Confidentiality is one of the most important characteristics for every assistant.

Our Executive and Personal Assistants workshop will show your participants what it takes to be a successful assistant. Participants will learn what it takes to effectively manage a schedule, organize a meeting, and even how to be a successful gatekeeper. Being an Executive or Personal Assistant takes a special skill set and this workshop will provide your participants with the necessary tools.

Course Objectives

At the end of the course participants will be able to:

- Adapt to the needs and styles of management
- Communicate through written, verbal, and nonverbal methods
- Improve time management skills
- Manage meetings effectively
- Act as a gatekeeper
- Use the tools of the trade effectively

Course Outline

Working with Your Manager

Adapting to Their Style Anticipate Their Needs Getting Your Responsibilities Defined When to Take the Initiative

Administrative Soft Skills

Social Intelligence Basic Business Acumen Office Management Active Listening

Effective Time Management

Calendar Management Prepare for Changes and Surprises Keeping Others on Track **Urgent/Important Matrix**

Meeting Management

Creating an Agenda **Keeping Minutes** Keeping the Meeting on Time Variations for Large and Small Meetings

Tools of the Trade (I)

Email Protocol Office Machinery Computer and Software Skills Communication Skills

Tools of the Trade (II)

Phone and Voicemail Etiquette Word Processing **Business Writing** Internet Research

Being an Effective Gatekeeper

Filtering Data and Information Learn to Say No Dealing with Difficult People Recognize the Tricks

Organizational Skills

Prioritizing Your Workload

Goal Setting Plan for Tomorrow, Today Staying on Track

Confidentiality Guidelines

Your Confidentiality Duty Be Diplomatic and Discreet Keeping Data Secure What to Do in Sticky Situations

Special Tasks

Project Management Trade Shows Interacting with Clients Social Media Management