Active Listening for Service Excellence Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Customer Service and Customer Experience	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

Participants will be able to:

1. Apply advanced active listening techniques to improve customer engagement.
2. Demonstrate empathy-driven communication during customer interactions.
3. Identify customer needs using behavioral listening cues.
4. Reduce escalations by using conflict-resolution listening strategies.
5. Strengthen rapport through high-impact communication skills.
6. Use clarifying and probing techniques to ensure accurate understanding.
7. Adapt listening style to different customer personas and channels.
8. Interpret emotional intelligence signals for better service responses.
9. Deliver customer-centric solutions based on attentive listening.
10. Overcome barriers using mindful listening practices.
11. Utilize feedback loops to enhance service excellence.
12. Apply service recovery listening skills to handle difficult customers.
13. Enhance overall customer experience (CX) through improved communication.

Target Audience

1. Customer service representatives
2. Frontline support staff
3. Call center agents
4. Sales and account management teams
5. Hospitality and retail professionals
6. Healthcare service teams
7. Team leaders and supervisors
8. Public service and government service officers

Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Active Listening

- Understanding the science of listening
- Difference between hearing and active listening
- Key components of active listening
- Barriers and filters affecting comprehension
- Building a service mindset through attentive listening

  Case Study: A hotel receptionist misinterprets a guest’s request due to assumptions—participants

analyze the missed cues and craft improved responses.

Module 2: Customer Psychology and Listening Behaviors

- Decoding verbal and non-verbal signals
- Listening to customer emotions vs. words
- Recognizing service expectations
- Behavioral listening patterns
- Tailoring responses to emotional states

  Case Study: A retail customer appears calm but is deeply frustrated—learners identify subtle cues and respond appropriately.

Module 3: Empathy-Driven Communication

- Understanding emotional intelligence in service
- Techniques for demonstrating genuine empathy
- Building rapport through tone and affirmation
- Managing emotions during tense interactions
- Using empathy to enhance customer trust

  Case Study: A patient services rep practices empathy when dealing with a worried family member.

Module 4: Clarifying, Probing & Paraphrasing Skills

- Asking powerful open-ended questions
- Clarifying ambiguous information
- Paraphrasing to confirm understanding
- Probing for deeper insights
- Ensuring accuracy in service delivery

  Case Study: A call center agent fails to clarify a billing issue, leading to confusion teams correct the conversation.

Module 5: Active Listening for Conflict Resolution

- Listening to de-escalate heated conversations
- Identifying triggers and emotional drivers
- Using calm communication strategies
- Maintaining professionalism under pressure
- Turning conflict into opportunity

  Case Study: A restaurant guest complains about poor service participants practice structured de-escalation.

Module 6: Digital & Multichannel Listening Skills

- Listening skills for chat, email, and social media
- Adjusting tone in text-based communication
- Capturing meaning without voice cues
- Avoiding misinterpretation online
- Delivering quick and accurate digital responses

  Case Study: A misunderstood email tone escalates an issue participants rewrite using digital listening techniques.

Module 7: Service Recovery Through Listening

- Understanding the psychology of dissatisfied customers
- Rebuilding trust after a service failure
- Using structured apologies and solution framing
- Listening for root causes of issues
- Turning negative feedback into improvement

  Case Study: A telecom customer is upset due to repeated technical issues teams craft a service recovery plan.

Module 8: Integrating Active Listening into Daily Service Excellence

- Building listening habits for long-term success
- Coaching and peer-feedback techniques
- Creating a customer-centric culture
- Measuring listening effectiveness
- Applying tools for continuous improvement

  Case Study: A department transforms its service performance by implementing listening metrics participants design their own action plans.

Training Methodology

This course employs a participatory and hands-on approach to ensure practical learning, including:

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions.
- Hands-on exercises using real-world datasets.
- Role-playing and scenario-based simulations.
- Analysis of case studies to bridge theory and practice.
- Peer-to-peer learning and networking.
- Expert-led Q&A sessions.
- Continuous feedback and personalized guidance.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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