Training Course on Executive Talent Management and Succession Planning

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	CEOs and Directors	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this training, participants will be able to:

1. Strategically align executive talent management with organizational vision and long-term business goals.
2. Develop and implement robust succession planning frameworks for critical leadership roles.
3. Master high-potential identification techniques using advanced assessment tools and predictive analytics.
4. Design and execute impactful executive development programs, including leadership academies and experiential learning.
5. Cultivate a culture of continuous learning and leadership readiness throughout the organization.
6. Leverage HR technology platforms and AI in talent management for enhanced efficiency and insights.
7. Implement effective talent mobility strategies and career pathing for executive growth.
8. Mitigate leadership transition risks and ensure business continuity through proactive planning.
9. Integrate diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) principles into all aspects of talent management and succession.
10. Measure the ROI of talent development initiatives using key performance indicators (KPIs) and analytics.
11. Develop compelling employee value propositions (EVP) to attract and retain top executive talent.
12. Facilitate knowledge transfer and institutional memory preservation during leadership transitions.
13. Drive organizational agility and resilience by building a deep and diverse leadership bench.

Organizational Benefits

- Ensures seamless leadership transitions, minimizing disruption during executive departures or retirements.
- Cultivates a robust pipeline of prepared internal candidates for critical roles, reducing reliance on external hires.
- Provides clear career paths and development opportunities, increasing executive engagement and reducing turnover costs.
- Develops leaders capable of adapting quickly to market changes and strategic shifts.

- Maximizes the value of your workforce through targeted development and strategic placement.
- Positions the organization as a leader in talent development, attracting and retaining top-tier executive talent.
- Fosters a culture of continuous learning and development, leading to improved decision-making and business outcomes.
- Decreases the need for expensive external executive search firms.
- Facilitates the transfer of critical expertise and organizational wisdom.

Target Audience

1. Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) and C-Suite Executives
2. Human Resources Directors and VPs of HR
3. Talent Management and Organizational Development Specialists
4. Senior Managers and Department Heads aspiring to executive roles
5. Board Members and Governance Professionals
6. Learning and Development Leaders
7. HR Business Partners (HRBPs)
8. Strategic Planners and Business Unit Leaders

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Module 1: Foundations of Executive Talent Management and Succession Planning

- Defining Executive Talent Management (ETM) and Strategic Succession Planning
- The imperative for ETM and SSP in today's volatile business environment.
- Key principles and best practices for integrated talent strategies.
- Aligning ETM and SSP with organizational mission, vision, and values.
- Challenges and common pitfalls in executive talent and succession.
- **Case Study:** Examine a Fortune 500 company's successful integration of ETM and SSP into its core business strategy, highlighting their long-term growth and resilience during leadership transitions.

Module 2: Strategic Workforce Planning for Executive Roles

- Forecasting future executive talent needs and leadership gaps.
- Identifying critical roles and positions within the executive hierarchy.
- Conducting comprehensive skills gap analysis at the leadership level.
- Integrating workforce planning with business strategy and market trends.
- Utilizing scenario planning for future executive talent demands.
- **Case Study:** Analyze a tech firm that proactively identified a future need for AI leadership and developed a multi-year plan to build internal capabilities and attract external expertise.

Module 3: High-Potential (HiPo) Identification and Assessment

- Defining executive high-potential: beyond performance to potential.
- Implementing multi-rater (360-degree) feedback and executive assessments.
- Leveraging psychometric tools and leadership simulations for objective evaluation.
- Identifying "derailment risks" and strategies for mitigation.
- Building a robust HiPo identification pipeline.
- **Case Study:** Explore a global financial institution's rigorous HiPo identification process, including their success in reducing biases and increasing diversity in their leadership pipeline.

Module 4: Designing Tailored Executive Development Programs

- Principles of adult learning and executive development.
- Creating individualized development plans (IDPs) for HiPo executives.
- Designing leadership academies and executive education initiatives.
- Incorporating stretch assignments, cross-functional projects, and global rotations.
- Measuring the effectiveness of executive development interventions.
- **Case Study:** Review a manufacturing company's successful executive leadership program that integrated action learning projects with real business challenges, leading to significant innovation.

Module 5: Executive Coaching and Mentorship Strategies

- The role of executive coaching in accelerating leadership growth.
- Establishing effective internal and external coaching relationships.
- Developing a structured executive mentorship program.
- Peer coaching and reverse mentoring for intergenerational knowledge transfer.
- Measuring the impact of coaching and mentorship on executive performance.
- **Case Study:** Examine a healthcare organization's successful mentorship program that paired senior executives with emerging leaders, fostering strong relationships and accelerating career progression.

Module 6: Building and Managing the Executive Talent Pipeline

- Strategies for cultivating a deep and diverse executive bench.
- Talent mapping and readiness assessment for succession roles.
- Developing clear progression paths and internal mobility frameworks.
- Succession readiness levels: immediate, short-term, and long-term.
- Regular talent reviews and calibration sessions for executive roles.
- **Case Study:** Analyze a retail giant's dynamic talent pipeline management system, which allowed for rapid deployment of leaders to new market opportunities.

Module 7: Leveraging HR Technology and Analytics for ETM & SSP

- Implementing integrated HRIS and talent management systems.
- Utilizing data analytics for predictive insights into executive potential and retention.
- Dashboards and reporting for tracking talent metrics and succession readiness.
- AI and machine learning applications in talent identification and development.
- Ensuring data privacy and ethical considerations in HR tech.
- **Case Study:** Explore how a technology company used advanced analytics to identify key flight risks among their executive team and proactively implement retention strategies.

Module 8: Driving Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) in Executive Talent

- The business case for diverse executive leadership.
- Addressing unconscious bias in executive assessment and promotion.
- Strategies for building an inclusive executive talent pipeline.
- Mentorship and sponsorship programs for underrepresented groups.
- Measuring and reporting on DEI metrics in executive roles.
- **Case Study:** Examine a financial services firm's initiative to increase female representation in senior leadership, highlighting their strategies and measurable outcomes.

Module 9: Executive Compensation and Retention Strategies

- Designing competitive executive compensation packages.
- Non-financial motivators for executive retention and engagement.

- Long-term incentive plans and executive benefits.
- Creating a compelling Executive Value Proposition (EVP).
- Strategies for retaining high-performing and critical executive talent.
- **Case Study:** Analyze how a major pharmaceutical company redesigned its executive compensation and benefits package to significantly improve leadership retention.

Module 10: Managing Executive Transitions and Onboarding

- Planning for seamless executive transitions: internal and external hires.
- Structured onboarding programs for new executives.
- Accelerating executive assimilation and effectiveness.
- Knowledge transfer protocols and handover processes.
- Post-transition support and performance monitoring.
- **Case Study:** Review a global consulting firm's comprehensive executive onboarding process that ensures new leaders are productive within their first 90 days.

Module 11: Crisis Succession Planning and Risk Mitigation

- Developing contingency plans for unexpected executive departures.
- Identifying single points of failure in leadership.
- Scenario planning for critical leadership vacancies (e.g., illness, resignation).
- Establishing interim leadership protocols.
- Communicating crisis succession plans to stakeholders.
- **Case Study:** Analyze a natural disaster-affected company's successful implementation of a crisis succession plan that maintained operational continuity during an emergency.

Module 12: Measuring the ROI of Executive Talent and Succession Initiatives

- Defining key performance indicators (KPIs) for ETM and SSP.
- Quantifying the financial and non-financial benefits of talent investments.
- Cost-benefit analysis of internal development vs. external hiring.
- Reporting talent metrics to the Board and senior leadership.
- Continuous improvement cycles for ETM and SSP effectiveness.
- **Case Study:** Explore how a technology startup demonstrated a significant ROI on their leadership development program, leading to increased investment and scaling.

Module 13: Communication and Stakeholder Engagement in ETM & SSP

- Developing a strategic communication plan for talent initiatives.
- Engaging the Board of Directors and senior leadership.
- Communicating succession plans to high-potential individuals (with sensitivity).
- Fostering transparency and trust in the talent management process.
- Addressing resistance to change and building buy-in.
- **Case Study:** Analyze a family-owned business's challenges and successes in communicating its multi-generational succession plan to employees and external stakeholders.

Module 14: Legal and Ethical Considerations in Executive Talent Management

- Compliance with employment laws and regulations in executive hiring and promotion.
- Ethical implications of talent assessments and succession decisions.
- Data privacy and confidentiality in executive talent data.
- Managing conflicts of interest in succession processes.
- Best practices for fair and equitable treatment of executives.

- **Case Study:** Discuss a company's legal challenge related to perceived bias in an executive promotion and the lessons learned in ensuring equitable talent processes.

Module 15: Building a Sustainable Talent-First Culture

- Embedding talent management as a core organizational value.
- Leadership's role in championing talent development.
- Creating a learning organization that fosters executive growth.
- Recognizing and rewarding talent development efforts.
- Future trends in executive talent management and succession planning.
- **Case Study:** Examine a leading multinational corporation's journey to embed a "talent-first" culture, showcasing its impact on employee engagement and business performance.

Training Methodology

This training course utilizes a highly interactive and practical methodology designed to facilitate deep learning and immediate application. Approaches include:

- **Interactive Workshops:** Engaging discussions, group exercises, and collaborative problem-solving.
- **Real-World Case Studies:** In-depth analysis of successful and challenging executive talent and succession scenarios.
- **Practical Tools and Templates:** Provision of actionable resources for immediate implementation.
- **Expert-Led Sessions:** Facilitation by experienced practitioners and thought leaders in talent management.
- **Role-Playing and Simulations:**Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

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23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
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23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
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