



Service Desk Analyst – SDI

Course Outline



Program Overview

Excellent Service Desk support is vital to ensure a company consistently delivers the required IT service levels. The responsibilities of the support analyst are many and they evolve constantly, so a diverse skillset is required to meet the challenging demands placed on them.

The course also looks at support methodologies and technologies and the tools utilized within the Service Desk. It reviews issues such as Service Level Agreements, the benefits and pitfalls and the importance of metrics; the implementation of service management processes and effective problem solving techniques that a Service Desk Analyst can utilize. It is based upon the standards and objectives for SDI's Service Desk Analyst qualification and ensures that students are provided with the knowledge, information and tools to take the SDA exam.

Duration

3- Day Program

Learning Objectives

At the end of this training, participants should be able to:

- Learn essential skills and competencies to deliver efficient and effective support in the Service Desk environment
- Learn practical knowledge of how to use these skills to deal effectively with a variety of situations
- Have a clear understanding of how to identify customer needs and motivations, and how to handle difficult situations
- Understand the importance of teamwork in the support environment
- Gain a thorough grounding in the skills, competencies, responsibilities and knowledge required of a professional and effective Service Desk analyst

Target Audience

1st line IT support, Helpdesk/Service Desk and support analysts with at least 9 months experience in an IT service and support environment.

Program Structure and Outline

The Program is delivered using a combination of instructor-led lectures, case study and exercises on practical implementation of the concepts discussed within the training. The topics presented below define the areas of focus under the program.

Roles and Responsibilities

- To identify and understand the role and responsibilities of the professional Service Desk Analyst
- To identify and understand the role and responsibilities of the Service Desk
- To determine the attributes, skills and knowledge of a successful Service Desk Analyst
- To develop an understanding of Relationship Management from the Service Desk perspective
- To identify and agree the key requirements for delivering customer satisfaction

Effective Communication

- To identify and understand the principles of effective communication in customer support
- To understand the differences between face to face, telephone and written communication
- To identify ways to enable us to communicate more effectively
- To understand how our attitude and approach can influence and affect others

Customer Service Skills and Competencies

- To understand how to ask questions skillfully
- To determine the importance of good listening skills
- To understand the importance of customer service skills in the IT environment

Determine the Importance of Effective Cross Cultural Communication

- To understand that assertiveness and confidence are necessary qualities for the SDA
- To determine methods of dealing with conflict
- To determine the causes, symptoms and ways to manage stress

The Service Desk Environment

- Examine issues, both internal and external, that can affect our motivation
- Understand the importance and relevance of ethics within the workplace
- Determine the importance and benefits of effective teamwork

Process Management

- To understand the ITSM processes most closely linked to the Service Desk
- To identify the responsibilities the Service Desk has within those processes
- To understand the importance of effective incident, problem, change, escalation and asset management processes

Managing, Meeting, and Maintaining Service Levels

- Determine the value and benefits of Service Level Agreements
- Determine the need for and benefits of metrics and objectives within the support environment
- Understand the importance of effective Customer Satisfaction surveys

Tools and Technologies Used in Customer Support

- Develop a clear understanding of the support tools and technologies available to Service Desk Analysts
- To understand and use the terminology of the support industry
- Determine the benefits of the tools and technologies we use
- To determine methods for implementing Self-Help and Self Service for end-users

Examination

The examination is taken during the course at the end of the final day. It consists of 60 multiple choice questions to be answered in one hour. The pass mark is 75%, 87.5% achieves a higher mastery pass.

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