Experiential Learning: Hotel Equities Learning and Development Philosophy

















# What is Experiential Learning?







In essence, it's Learning by Doing

It is the process of learning through experiences

It focuses on how people learn through doing

## 3 Stages of Learning

AWARENESS:

knowing that something needs to be learned



I am aware that this job requires more technology skills than I have

SKILLS:

learning the tools and methods for accomplishing a task



I have learned how to use Excel

APPLICATIONS:

taking the skills and applying
them in an "on the job" setting



I am using my new
Excel skills to create a
better tracking
system for our hotel

# Why Experiential Learning?



It mirrors reality

It produces predictable learning

It requires deep involvement

Learning Retention

Traditional Learning: 5%

Experiential Learning: 95%



#### What Do Students Learn?

They value the importance and learning and become lifelong learners

They develop and apply knowledge and values to solving real problems

They work collaboratively with others

# Experiential Learning at

### Hotel Equities

- ROI Projects (improvement learning)
- Community Service Projects (service learning)
- Annual Conference Planning (business learning)
- Task Force (individual and team learning)
- Coaching/Mentoring around "real life" issues (peer and leadership learning)
- Manager in Training program
- Management Development Program
- Leadership Development Program













# Personal + Organizational Benefits

Complex Problem Solving Critical
Thinking
Skills

Innovation + Forward Thinking

Team Approach Develops Emotional Intelligence

Communication Skills

"Experiential Learning has been around for decades. But it is becoming more commonplace in today's educational systems (high school and college/universities). As a result, by utilizing the experiential learning methodology, we are continuing a practice that many of our associates both know and enjoy, in an educational setting.

Keeping in mind that our ultimate goal is learner engagement and knowledge retention, experiential learning is a cornerstone of Hotel Equities Talent Development approach."

Nancy Curtin Morris
SVP of Talent