

# Chapter 9 Employee Training Worksheet

This employee training worksheet is focused on creating an effective training structure template. This training template will be generic, and you can use it to develop the training for any topic your staff needs. However, we will give you our suggestions and recommendations for training topics to get you started.

*This Help Desk improvement checklist worksheet is intended to be used in conjunction with the related chapter in the [Help Desk Management Book by Wayne Schlicht](#).*

**Step 1** – Identify the major training areas needed at your Help Desk. These are top-level training programs. Our suggestions are below.

## **Top-level training programs**

Ticketing application  
Incident management  
Monitoring and event management  
Phone system  
Social Media and chat support  
Knowledgebase  
Problem management  
Change management

**Step 2** – Breakdown the top-level training programs to smaller sized training modules. By creating smaller training modules, they will be right-sized and focused on the experience level of the trainee. An example of the ticketing application training program breakdown is below.

*Remember, this is done for every top-level training program identified.*

**Top-level training program:** Ticketing application

**Training module:** Basic ticketing application functions for an agent.

**Training module:** Advanced ticketing application functions for a senior agent.

**Training module:** Creating and publishing reports

**Training module:** Ticketing application team lead functions

**Training module:** Ticketing application administration

**Step 3** – Develop learning objectives for each of the training modules. These are the specific objective you want the trainee to understand after completing the training. Below is an example using the ticketing application. *Remember, this is done for every training module identified.*

**Top-level training program:** Ticketing application

**Training module:** Basic ticketing application functions for an agent.

**Training objective 1:** Creating and documenting an incident support ticket.

**Training objective 2:** Understanding ticket classification.

**Training objective 3:** Using the knowledge base, decision trees, and ticket matching to resolve tickets.

**Training objective 4:** Escalating a ticket and understanding which resolver groups to use.

**Training objective 5:** How to provide ticket status updates to the customer.

**Training objective 6:** How to handle a request for service.

**Step 4** – Develop the training content for each training module. This is where you put meat on the bones. Make sure the training content is specific for each training objective. You can always add another training objective if needed. We have assembled some tips in developing the training content.

**Hands-on** - Make sure the training content uses hands-on exercises to reinforce the training.

**Trainee participation** – Make sure the training content facilitates a discussion between the trainer and trainees.

**Handouts** – Make sure the trainees receive handouts and other materials they can review during and after the training session.

**Computer-based content** – Provide videos or computer-based content and make sure the trainees can review the content as much as they want.

**Step 5** – Determine who needs training. In step 2, we had several training modules in our example. A relatively new Help Desk agent would need the training module for the basic ticketing application functions for an agent. However, they would not need the training module for the ticketing application administration. We recommend creating a training program for every employee.