

Course Description

MKA1022 | Relationship Selling | 3.00 credits

This course introduces the role that relationship building plays in sales. Students will explore the communication process and the importance of interpersonal skills in developing a relationship for an effective sales strategy. Students will develop a sales presentation based around consumer needs.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will understand the concept of relationship selling and its role in the sales process by:

- 1. Analyzing the interaction between the consumer, the salesperson, and the overall sales relationship
- 2. Exploring the topic of communicating value and managing customer expectations
- 3. Utilizing CRM techniques to communicate the sales message and the value proposition to customers
- 4. Examining the importance of ethical behavior in relationship selling and future sales

Competency 2: The student will comprehend the importance of developing interpersonal skills for relationship selling by:

- 1. Explaining the importance of buyer-seller rapport
- 2. Utilize active listening and identifying customer needs and pain points through role-playing
- 3. Illustrate the communication process and its impact on the sender, receiver, and message delivery medium
- 4. Identify the topic of objection and rejection and how to address them through the customer relationship

Competency 3: The student will understand the importance of a sales presentation by:

- 1. Defining the objectives and goals of a sales presentation and conducting research
- 2. Identifying the stages of a sales presentation
- 3. Differentiating between the buyer and seller's perspective and developing a needs assessment linked to product benefits
- 4. Explaining the importance of non-verbal communication, body language, enthusiasm, and demonstrations in relationship selling

Competency 4: The student will recognize the strategies for closing the sale by:

- 1. Identifying the closing process and levels of customer commitment
- 2. Identify the stages of the sales funnel
- 3. Employing various closing techniques
- 4. Examining the follow-up sales process, sales consolidation, feedback, referrals, and testimonials

Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information
- Demonstrate an appreciation for aesthetics and creative activities