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**THE INDUSTRY STANDARD** FOR TRAINING TEAMS

**OVER 200** ONLINE TRAINING COURSES

BACKED BY A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR ENDOWMENT TO ENSURE **BEST IN CLASS TRAINING** 

SUPPORT YOUR TEAM AND BUILD YOUR TRAINING PROGRAM

**MISSION:** RECRUIT, TRAIN, AND RETAIN OUR MEMBERS' LABOR FORCE

# **ASA-U** IS THE STANDARD FOR TRAINING OUR INDUSTRY'S PROFESSIONALS

"Discover the key to unlocking your workforce's full potential with **ASA University**. In the ever-evolving landscape of business, a well-prepared workforce is not just an asset but required for sustainable success. At ASA-U, we go beyond the ordinary, offering a suite of comprehensive training initiatives crafted for the industry, by the industry.

Whether you're looking to enhance productivity, boost profitability, or foster a culture of continuous improvement, ASA University has the tools and resources to elevate your workforce.

What sets ASA University apart is not just the content but the personalized touch we bring to your learning journey. Our team of skilled education advisors stands ready to collaborate with you, offering tailored solutions that cater to the unique needs of your business.

Whether it's customizing existing programs, designing bespoke training plans, or recommending targeted training solutions to meet skills gaps, we're here to make a tangible impact on your organization's success.

Reach out today and grasp the future of possibility (and profitability) at your business!"

**Taylor Albano Vice-President of Education and Training** ASA Education Foundation

# **OUR MISSION:**

Support ASA members in their ability to attract, develop, and retain a skilled and diversified workforce that will become the best in the industry.

Explore the many ways ASA-U is creating awareness of the PHCP/PVF industry and the tools we've developed to help you attract and capture the best talent possible for your business.

#### RECRUIT Pages 3-6

Increasing the number of talented workers taking advantage of rewarding career opportunities in the PHCP/PVF industry.

#### TRAIN

#### Pages 7-21

Assisting ASA members by providing tools that will develop their workforce in all aspects of the business.

#### RETAIN Pages 22-27

Guiding ASA members in creating long-term, sustainable professionals to shape the future of talent.



### **ASA'S PROJECT TALENT:**

BUILDING AWARENESS WITH TOOLS TO HELP YOU ATTRACT THE TALENT YOU NEED

People are the lifeblood of the PHCP and PVF industry. Finding talent has never been more important than today, and the American Supply Association is here to help.

ASA members continue to face a critical challenge to adequately staff for future growth. Project Talent helps its members address this issue by increasing awareness of the industry and its fulfilling careers plus providing tools and resources to help them connect with jobseekers.

As the industry progresses, its perception among career seekers must also change. While traditional functions such as sales, operations, and warehousing are still needed, so are skills to manage emerging technologies affecting the industry like e-commerce, AI, warehouse robotics, and data management.

Project Talent aims to support the reshaping of the industry perception among jobseekers to attract qualified candidates seeking a wide spectrum of available opportunities.

### BUILDING INDUSTRY AWARENESS THROUGH A **ROBUST SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE & EMAIL MARKETING CAMPAIGNS**

ASA'S **PROJECT TALENT** creates awareness of the PHCP/PVF industry and its fulfilling careers plus tools and resources to help ASA members connect with jobseekers.





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# The plumbing, heating and cooling industry needs people who understand that discipline and commitment are integral to getting the job done. When you are ready, take your skills to the next level.



#### Are you looking for an opportunity to develop new skills, learn and lead?

Get your start in the plumbing supply industry

know you'll land on solid ground.

### SOCIAL MEDIA ADS TO INCORPORATE INTO YOUR COMPANY'S RECRUITMENT EFFORTS

ARE YOU REACHING THE

WORKFORCE OF TOMORROW?

#### ASA'S RECRUITER'S TOOLBOX

gives members **FREE access** to thousands of marketing assets to aid in recruiting talent - including stock photos, job description templates, pre-made social media content, and more!



**ASA HELPS YOUR RECRUITMENT EFFORTS** through best practices for your company's career website, one of the most important tools today's job-seekers use to evaluate opportunities.

#### ACCESS **ASA**'S FULL LINE OF RECRUITMENT TOOLS! **FREE FOR ASA MEMBERS**



75%

**75%** OF JOB SEEKERS consider an employer's brand before even applying. 30%

**30%** OF ALL Google

searches are **JOB** 

searches.



**89%** OF JOB SEEKERS agree that an employer's career website is important when seeking a job.

**FREE CHECKLIST from ASA** to ensure your company's website is using best practices for attracting talent.



**FREE MEMBER WEBINARS** prepare you to face the workforce challenges of today and tomorrow.

Bolster Your Recruitment Efforts Best Practices for Hiring Interns



**ASA** helps your recruitment efforts through **BEST PRACTICES FOR HIRING INTERNS** as a tool to help you fill the gap.

# **PROJECT TALENT**: DRIVING CAREER SEEKERS TO YOU

# ASA's **PROJECT TALENT** IS A DUAL APPROACH:

**1. BUILD AWARENESS** and interest of career seekers, then drives them to our members' hiring websites where YOU close the deal. **2.GUIDE MEMBERS** in developing their websites and recruitment efforts to hire the best talent available. мт ND OR ID WY South Dak NE NV UT DC со KS MO AZ ок NM AR тх

#### **PROJECT TALENT** Social Media Campaigns are reaching:

- **2.1 million** students, women, military and mid-career professionals
- 3.8 million impressions
- **31,000** ad clicks
- **3,800** Facebook and Instagram followers

WILL **YOU** BE READY when they visit your company website?

Make sure your company's information is current on ASA.net so potential candidates can link easily to your website from supplyindustrycareers.com.

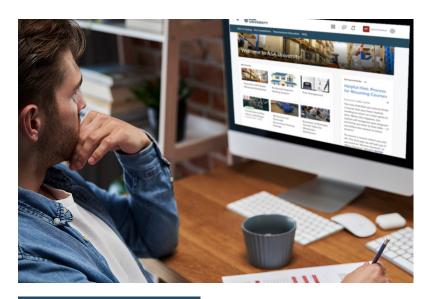
# **ASA UNIVERSITY** IS DESIGNED TO TRAIN YOUR TEAM & SAVE YOU TIME

### ASA UNIVERSITY IS THE **INDUSTRY STANDARD** FOR TRAINING & EDUCATION:

Training from ASA University enables you to develop your employees into the best trained, most professional in the industry. Designed for the industry, by the industry, ASA University has the tools for your success.

- 7 College of Sales / Sales Management Tracks
- 4 College of Warehouse Management Tracks
- 3 College of Purchasing & Inventory Management Tracks
- 5 College of Leadership / Executive Management Tracks
- 12 College of Business Management Tracks

Each skill-based training track is mapped to the core skills your employees need to do the job right. Reskill or up-skill your existing employees. From profitability and bottom line to customer service and time management, ASA University can meet your training needs.



12,000+	Course Enrollments in 2023
200+	Online Courses
300+	Training Tracks Sold in 2023

### **INTRO TO THE INDUSTRY** TRAINING TRACKS

**TALENT COMES IN ALL SHAPES AND SIZES** – and from different backgrounds. Don't limit your options – ASA University's **INTRODUCTION TO THE INDUSTRY** training tracks will get them up to speed and ready to do their job right!

These foundational training tracks provide guidance on getting to know the industry, how wholesaler-distributors operate, how they make money, and how to ensure a profitable bottom line at any role in the business.



#### **FUNDAMENTALS:**

Covers the basics of the PHCP / PVF industry and how wholesaler-distributors operate.

- Introduction to the PHCP / Industrial PVF
   Industry
- Overview of Wholesale Distribution
- Essentials of How Wholesaler-Distributors Make Money
- Essentials of Profitable Wholesale Distribution



Go deeper with additional courses on wholesaledistribution operations and our most popular product knowledge courses.

- Overview of Wholesale Distribution
- Introduction to the PHCP / Industrial PVF
   Industry
- Essentials of How Wholesaler-Distributors Make Money
- Essentials of Profitable Warehouse Operations
- Essentials of Profitable Wholesale Distribution
- Introduction to Pipe, Valves, & Fittings\*
- Introduction to Steel, Stainless Steel, Iron Pipe, and Fittings\*
- Introduction to Copper Tube, Plastic Pipe, and Fittings\*
- \*Industrial versions available



#### **ASK ABOUT:**

HVAC, Commercial, Residential, and Industrial Intro Tracks! We can also customize the right plan **JUST FOR YOU**.



# COLLEGE OF PURCHASING & INVENTORY MANAGEMENT



The best way to increase inventory turn while decreasing expenses is efficient, online training that provides a deeper understanding of best practices and techniques for purchasing and inventory management.

### 3,155 HOURS

TRACKS, JOB DESCRIPTIONS. ASSESSMENTS

#### **INVENTORY SPECIALIST:**

- Creating a Respectful Workplace
- Creative Problem Solving
- Developing Positive Relationships at Work
- · Essentials of Leadership for Wholesaler-Distributors
- Essentials of Profitable Purchasing and
- Inventory Management
- Essentials of Profitable Warehouse Operations
- Essentials of Profitable Wholesale Distribution
- Essentials of Superb Service in Distribution
- Ethics in the Workplace
- Gathering Data: SWOT Analysis
- Introduction to Copper Tube, Plastic Pipe, and Fittings
- Introduction to Pipe, Valves, and Fittings
- Introduction to Steel, Stainless Steel, Iron Pipe and Fittings
- Inventory Control
- Microsoft Office 365
- Overview of Wholesale Distribution
- Taking Control of Conflict
- Team Excellence
- Time Management



#### **PURCHASING AGENT:**

- Business Etiquette
- Creating a Respectful Workplace
- Creative Problem Solving
- Crisis Management
- Developing Positive Relationships at Work
- Emotional Quotient Strategies
- Essentials of Profitable Purchasing and
- Inventory Management
- Essentials of Profitable Warehouse Operations
- Essentials of Profitable Wholesale Distribution
- Essentials of Superb Service in Distribution
- Ethics in the Workplace
- Gathering Data: SWOT Analysis
- Introduction to Copper Tube, Plastic Pipe, and Fittings
- Introduction to Pipe, Valves, and Fittings
- Introduction to Steel, Stainless Steel, Iron Pipe and Fittings
- Microsoft Office 365
- Understanding Successful Negotiation
- Overview of Wholesale Distribution
- Sales Negotiations: The 5 Stages for Successful Negotiation
- Taking Control of Conflict
- Team Excellence

#### **PURCHASING MANAGER:**

- Becoming an Effective Manager: Building
- Emotional Intelligence
- Coaching Conversations
- Coaching for Development
- Creating a Respectful Workplace
- Developing Positive Relationships at Work
- Effective Delegation
- Effective Listening Training
- Effective Presentation Skills
- Emotional Quotient Strategies
- · Essentials of Leadership for Wholesaler-Distributors
- Essentials of Profitable Purchasing and
- Inventory Management
- Essentials of Profitable Warehouse Operations
- Essentials of Profitable Wholesale Distribution
- Essentials of Superb Service in Distribution
- Ethics in the Workplace
- Gathering Data: SWOT Analysis
- Handling Emotions Within Your Team
- Performance Excellence
- Prioritize Your Tasks
- Taking Control of Conflict
- Team Excellence
- Time Management
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TRAINED

# COLLEGE OF SALES / SALES MANAGEMENT



Provide your sales team with best-in-class training! As one of the first employees in the company to interact with your customers, your sales team needs to be equipped with knowledge and confidence on a range of products and customer situations.

#### ADD OPTIONAL COURSES TO ANY TRAINING TRACK TO CUSTOMIZE YOUR LEARNING EXPERIENCE!

#### **INSIDE SALES:**

- Account Types Characteristics of the Sale
- Business Etiquette
- Creating a Respectful Workplace
- Developing Positive Relationships at Work
- Effective Presentation Skills
- Essentials of Profitable Inside Sales in Distribution
- Essentials of Profitable Wholesale Distribution
- Essentials of Superb Service in Distribution
- Introduction to Copper Tube, Plastic Pipe, and Fittings
- Introduction to Pipe, Valves, and Fittings
- Introduction to Steel, Stainless Steel, Iron Pipe and Fittings
- Introduction to the PHCP / Industrial PVF
   Industry
- Microsoft Office 365
- Sales Prospecting: The Sales Pipeline
- Selling Essentials: Developing Clients for Life
- Selling Essentials: Opening the Conversation
- Selling Essentials: Understanding the Sales Cycle
- Taking Control of Conflict
- Team Excellence
- Time Management

#### **OUTSIDE SALES:**

- Account Types Characteristics of the Sale
- Business Etiquette
- Creating a Respectful Workplace
- Creative Problem Solving
- Developing Positive Relationships at Work
- Effective Presentation Skills
- Essentials of Profitable Outside Sales in Distribution
- Essentials of Profitable Wholesale Distribution
- Essentials of Superb Service in Distribution
- Introduction to Copper Tube, Plastic Pipe, and Fittings
- Introduction to Pipe, Valves, and Fittings
- Introduction to Steel, Stainless Steel, Iron Pipe
   and Fittings
- Introduction to the PHCP / Industrial PVF
   Industry
- Microsoft Office 365
- Sales Prospecting: The Sales Pipeline
- Selling Essentials: Developing Clients for Life
- Selling Essentials: Opening the Conversation
- Selling Essentials: Prospecting and Managing Territory
- Selling Essentials: Understanding the Sales Cycle
- Taking Control of Conflict
- Team Excellence
- Time Management

#### **COUNTER SALES:**

- Business Etiquette
- Creating a Respectful Workplace
- Creative Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking Skills
- Developing Positive Relationships at Work
- Essentials of Profitable Counter Sales for Wholesaler-Distributors
- Essentials of Superb Service in Distribution
- Introduction to Copper Tube, Plastic Pipe, and Fittings
- Introduction to Pipe, Valves, and Fittings
- Introduction to Steel, Stainless Steel, Iron Pipe and Fittings
- Introduction to the PHCP / Industrial PVF
   Industry
- Microsoft Office 365
- Understanding Successful Negotiation
- Overview of Wholesale Distribution
- Selling Essentials: Understanding the Sales Cycle
- Taking Control of Conflict
- Team Excellence
- Time Management



#### SALES MANAGER:

- Coaching Conversations
- Coaching for Development
- Coaching Skills
- Developing Positive Relationships at Work
- Effective Delegation
- Effective Presentation Skills
- Essentials of Leadership for Wholesaler-Distributors
- Essentials of Profitable Wholesale Distribution
- Essentials of Superb Service in Distribution
- Introduction to the PHCP/Industrial PVF
  Industry
- Microsoft Office 365
- Performance Excellence
- Selling Essentials: Understanding the Sales Cycle
- Taking Control of Conflict
- Team Excellence
- Time Management

#### **SHOWROOM MANAGER:**

- Business Etiquette
- Coaching Conversations
- Coaching for Development
- Coaching Skills
- Creating a Respectful Workplace
- Developing Positive Relationships at Work
- Effective Delegation
- Effective Presentation Skills
- Essentials of Leadership for Wholesaler-Distributors
- Essentials of Profitable Showroom Sales
- Essentials of Profitable Wholesale Distribution
- Microsoft Office 365
- Performance Excellence
- Selling Essentials: Understanding the Sales Cycle
- Taking Control of Conflict
- Team Excellence
- Time Management



#### **HOURS TRAINED**

#### **SHOWROOM SALES:**

- Account Types: Characteristics of the Sale
- Business Etiquette
- Creating a Respectful Workplace
- Developing Positive Relationships at Work
- Effective Presentation Skills
- Essentials of How Wholesaler-Distributors Make Money
- Essentials of Profitable Inside Sales in Distribution
- Essentials of Profitable Showroom Sales
- Essentials of Superb Service in Distribution
- Fixtures and Faucets
- Introduction to Copper Tube, Plastic Pipe, and Fittings
- Introduction to Pipe, Valves, and Fittings
- Introduction to Steel, Stainless Steel, Iron Pipe and Fittings
- Introduction to the PHCP / Industrial PVF
   Industry
- Microsoft Office 365
- Residential Plumbing and Piping
- Selling Essentials: Developing Clients for Life
- Selling Essentials: Opening the Conversation
- Selling Essentials: Understanding the Sales Cycle
- Taking Control of Conflict
- Team Excellence
- Time Management



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### COLLEGE OF WAREHOUSE MANAGEMENT





Warehouse management is the heartbeat of your company. Your staff needs on-demand courses to advance and grow new skills to push both their career and the company to the next level.

#### WAREHOUSE STAFF:

- Business Etiquette
- Creating a Respectful Workplace
- Developing Positive Relationships at Work
- Essentials of Profitable Warehouse Operations
- Essentials of Profitable Wholesale Distribution
- Essentials of Superb Service in Distribution
- Ethics in the Workplace
- Introduction to Copper Tube, Plastic Pipe, and Fittings
- Introduction to Pipe, Valves, and Fittings
- Introduction to Steel, Stainless Steel, Iron Pipe and Fittings
- Introduction to the PHCP / Industrial PVF
   Industry
- Overview of Wholesale Distribution
- Taking Control of Conflict
- Team Excellence
- Time Management

# SHIPPING & RECEIVING SUPERVISOR:

- Coaching Conversations
- Coaching for Development
- Creating a Respectful Workplace
- Developing Positive Relationships at Work
- Essentials of Leadership for Wholesaler-Distributors
- Essentials of Profitable Warehouse Operations
- Essentials of Profitable Wholesale Distribution
- Essentials of Superb Service in Distribution
- Ethics in the Workplace
- Microsoft Office 365
- Overview of Wholesale Distribution
- Performance Excellence
- Prioritize Your Tasks
- Taking Control of Conflict
- Team Excellence
- Time Management

**ADD OPTIONAL COURSES** TO ANY TRAINING TRACK TO CUSTOMIZE YOUR LEARNING EXPERIENCE!



#### MAKE SAFETY A PRIORITY IN YOUR WAREHOUSE WITH SAFETY TRAINING FROM ASA UNIVERSITY, COVERING TOPICS SUCH AS:

- Warehouse Safety
- Injury Prevention
- Driver Safety
- Forklift Safety

• First Aid

 Workplace Conflict ...AND MANY MORE!

#### WAREHOUSE MANAGER:

- Coaching Conversations
- Coaching for Development
- Delivering Feedback: Giving and Receiving Feedback
- Creating a Respectful Workplace
- Developing Positive Relationships at Work
- Effective Delegation
- Essentials of Leadership for Wholesaler-Distributors
- Essentials of Profitable Warehouse Operations
- Essentials of Superb Service in Distribution
- Ethics in the Workplace
- Interviewing Basics
- Microsoft Office 365
- Overview of Wholesale Distribution
- Performance Excellence
- Prioritize Your Tasks
- Taking Control of Conflict
- Team Excellence
- Time Management



#### **DISPATCHER:**

- Creating a Respectful Workplace
- Creative Problem Solving
- Developing Positive Relationships at Work
- Effective Delegation
- Effective Listening Training
- · Essentials of Leadership for Wholesaler-Distributors
- Essentials of Profitable Warehouse Operations
- Essentials of Profitable Wholesale Distribution
- Essentials of Superb Service in Distribution
- Ethics in the Workplace
- Leading a High Performance Team
- Microsoft Office 365
- Overview of Wholesale Distribution
- Taking Control of Conflict
- Team Excellence
- Time Management



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"With the expansion and growth that ECCO has experienced, we wanted to take a conscientious approach to training. ASA-U's customizable and industry-specific training has made them the perfect partner for us. The support and service we've received has made the implementation of our compliance and leadership training Σ easy to navigate and manage. ASA-U gives our team the tools to better serve our customers. internally and externally, and allows us to further our commitment of providing our customers innovative solutions driven by everyday challenges."

Miya La Grange **Human Resources Equipment Control Company** (ECCO)

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# COLLEGE OF LEADERSHIP / EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT



Improve the skills of current leaders and develop the skills for future leaders to reach your company's full potential. With leadership offerings in sales, purchasing, warehouse, branch management and more, you can develop leadership, mentoring, and coaching skills.



#### **BRANCH MANAGER:**

- Coaching Conversations
- Coaching for Development
- Delivering Feedback: Giving and Receiving Feedback
- Creating a Respectful Workplace
- Creative Problem Solving
- Developing Positive Relationships at Work
- Developing Your Leadership Style
- Effective Delegation
- Effective Listening Training
- Essentials of Leadership for Wholesaler-Distributors
- Essentials of Profitable Wholesale Distribution
- Essentials of Superb Service in Distribution
- Ethics in the Workplace
- Interviewing Basics
- Microsoft Office 365
- Performance Excellence
- Prioritize Your Tasks
- Reinforce Great Teamwork
- Taking Control of Conflict
- Team Excellence
- Time Management

#### SALES MANAGER:

- Coaching Conversations
- Coaching for Development
- Coaching Skills
- Developing Positive Relationships at Work
- Effective Delegation
- Effective Presentation Skills
- Essentials of Leadership for Wholesaler-Distributors
- Essentials of Profitable Wholesale Distribution
- Essentials of Superb Service in Distribution
- Introduction to the PHCP / Industrial PVF
   Industry
- Microsoft Office 365
- Performance Excellence
- Selling Essentials: Understanding the Sales Cycle
- Taking Control of Conflict
- Team Excellence
- Time Management

#### **PURCHASING MANAGER:**

- Becoming an Effective Manager: Building
- Emotional Intelligence
- Coaching Conversations
- Coaching for Development
- Creating a Respectful Workplace
- Developing Positive Relationships at Work
- Effective Delegation
- Effective Listening Training
- Effective Presentation Skills
- Emotional Quotient Strategies
- Essentials of Leadership for Wholesaler-Distributors
- Essentials of Profitable Purchasing and
- Inventory Management
- Essentials of Profitable Warehouse Operations
- Essentials of Profitable Wholesale Distribution
- Essentials of Superb Service in Distribution
- Ethics in the Workplace
- Gathering Data: SWOT Analysis
- Handling Emotions Within Your Team
- Performance Excellence
- Prioritize Your Tasks
- Taking Control of Conflict
- Team Excellence
- Time Management



#### WAREHOUSE MANAGER:

- Coaching Conversations
- Coaching for Development
- Delivering Feedback: Giving and Receiving Feedback
- Creating a Respectful Workplace
- Developing Positive Relationships at Work
- Effective Delegation
- Essentials of Leadership for Wholesaler-Distributors
- Essentials of Profitable Warehouse Operations
- Essentials of Superb Service in Distribution
- Ethics in the Workplace
- Interviewing Basics
- Microsoft Office 365
- Overview of Wholesale Distribution
- Performance Excellence
- Prioritize Your Tasks
- Taking Control of Conflict
- Team Excellence
- Time Management

Customize any ASA-U training track to meet YOUR NEEDS. Contact a friendly **ASA-U** advisor today and let us home-grow your training plan with your goals in mind!



ASA-U courses with our LMS platform has been a seamless  $( \cap$ integration. The benefit we see is our associates can go to the Ŷ same portal to access courses ш and webinars from ASA-U, our vendors and in house training. Training is knowledge, knowledge is confidence, confidence is increased sales."

**Tom Dietrick Marketing Director Schaefer Supply** 

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### COLLEGE OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT





Business management is at the center of your company's profitability and the success of your employees. Growing your business's ability in these areas translates to more efficient and effective business operations

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

- Creating a Respectful Workplace
- Developing Positive Relationships at Work
- Effective Delegation
- Essentials of Leadership for Wholesaler-Distributors
- Essentials of Profitable Wholesale Distribution
- Essentials of Superb Service in Distribution
- Ethics in the Workplace
- HR Basics
- Interviewing Basics
- Microsoft Office 365
- Overview of Wholesale Distribution
- Performance Excellence
- Stress Management
- Taking Control of Conflict
- Team Excellence
- Time Management
- Violence in the Workplace

#### **BILLING SPECIALIST:**

- Accounting 101
- Creating a Respectful Workplace
- Developing Positive Relationships at Work
- Essentials of Profitable Wholesale Distribution
- Essentials of Superb Service in Distribution
- Ethics in the Workplace
- Introduction to Copper Tube, Plastic Pipe, and Fittings
- Introduction to Financial Statements
- Introduction to Pipe, Valves, and Fittings
- Introduction to Steel, Stainless Steel, Iron Pipe and Fittings
- Introduction to the PHCP / Industrial PVF
   Industry
- Microsoft Office 365
- Team Excellence
- Time Management

**ADD OPTIONAL COURSES** TO ANY TRAINING TRACK TO CUSTOMIZE YOUR LEARNING EXPERIENCE!



#### **COLLECTIONS/AR SPECIALIST:**

- Accounting 101
- Basics Staff Training: Auditing Accounts
   Receivable & Revenue
- Creating a Respectful Workplace
- Developing Positive Relationships at Work
- Essentials of Profitable Wholesale Distribution
- Essentials of Superb Service in Distribution
- Ethics in the Workplace
- Introduction to Copper Tube, Plastic Pipe, and Fittings
- Introduction to Pipe, Valves, and Fittings
- Introduction to Steel, Stainless Steel, Iron Pipe and Fittings
- Introduction to the PHCP / Industrial PVF
   Industry
- Microsoft Office 365
- Team Excellence
- Time Management

#### ACCOUNTING / FINANCE STAFF:

- Accounting 101
- Building a Business Case: Gathering Data -
- Understanding Financial Metrics
- Computer Use Basics
- Creating a Respectful Workplace
- Developing Positive Relationships at Work
- Essentials of Profitable Wholesale Distribution
- Essentials of Superb Service in Distribution
- Ethics in the Workplace
- Introduction to Copper Tube, Plastic Pipe, and Fittings
- Introduction to Financial Statements
- Introduction to Pipe, Valves, and Fittings
- Introduction to Steel, Stainless Steel, Iron Pipe and Fittings
- Introduction to the PHCP / Industrial PVF
   Industry
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#### **CUSTOMER SERVICE:**

- A Comprehensive Customer Service Program
- Business Etiquette
- Change Management: Change Model
- Creating a Respectful Workplace
- Customer Service Success
- Customer Service: Telephone Etiquette
- Developing Positive Relationships at Work
- Effective Listening Training
- Essentials of Profitable Wholesale Distribution
- Essentials of Superb Service in Distribution
- Ethics in the Workplace
- Overview of Wholesale Distribution
- Prioritize Your Tasks
- Taking Control of Conflict
- Team Excellence
- Time Management
- When the Phone Rings: Telephone Skills for
- Better Service

### ASA-U PRODUCTPRO® COURSES



The ProductPro® product knowledge courses will make your employees smarter about the products they sell. ProductPro® trained employees will make fewer errors, reducing your operating expenses and shrinkage, and increase customer satisfaction. These highly effective courses will also help your employees get up to speed faster and build their confidence.

- Domestic Water Heaters
- Domestic Water Well Pumps
- Fire Protection Systems
- Fixtures and Faucets
- Industrial Valves
- Introduction to Copper Tube, Plastic Pipe, and Fittings
- Introduction to HVACR
- Introduction to Pipe, Valves, and Fittings
- Introduction to Steel, Stainless Steel, Iron Pipe, and Fittings
- Introduction to Valve Actuation
- Residential Hydronic Heating Systems
- Residential Water Processing
- Sump, Sewage, and Effluent Pumps







#### INDUSTRIAL PVF PRODUCT TRAINING

ASA University has tailored its product knowledge offerings to meet the needs of our Industrial Piping Division membership. Employees can now learn about the types, uses, and descriptions of the products PVF distributors and manufacturers sell and the systems in which they are utilized to improve profitability, reduce expenses, elevate customer service, and shorten time to competence.

- Introduction to Industrial Copper Tube, Plastic Pipe, and Fittings
- Introduction to Industrial Pipe, Valves, and Fittings
- Introduction to Industrial Steel, Stainless Steel Pipe, and Fittings

### ASA-U ESSENTIALS COURSES



Essentials, ASA University's flagship brand, is comprised of separate and distinct courses, each targeting specific areas of a typical wholesale distribution business. By focusing on the ultimate goal of improving profitability, these courses provide a critical message on the value of each member of the wholesaler distributor's team.

- Essentials of How Wholesaler-Distributors Make Money
- Essentials of Leadership for Wholesaler-Distributors
- Essentials of Leadership for Wholesaler-Distributors: Scenario Pack
- Essentials of Profitable Counter Sales for Wholesaler-Distributors
- Essentials of Profitable Inside Sales in Distribution
- Essentials of Profitable Outside Sales in Distribution
- Essentials of Profitable Purchasing and Inventory Management
- Essentials of Profitable Showroom Sales
- Essentials of Profitable Warehouse Operations
- Essentials of Profitable Wholesale Distribution
- Essentials of Superb Service in Distribution
- Introduction to the PHCP / Industrial PVF Industry
- Overview of Wholesale Distribution





"The ASA job descriptions are unique in that they describe the mechanics of performing a job. They encompass the mindset and demeanor of an employee who wants to make a meaningful contribution to the company as a leader, team member, and customer-service provider."

Jack Bell Jr. President Masters' Supply

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### ASA-U SYSTEMS-BASED LEARNING



Systems-Based Learning courses are only available online. These interactive programs illustrate pipe, valves, and fittings in real-life within various systems. The lessons provide an overview to help learners visualize and understand what tasks these systems perform, as well as provide a basic knowledge about how each system works. Systems-Based Learning is offered in Residential, Commercial, and Industrial versions.

- Commercial Schematic Central Chiller Plant Training Package
- Commercial Schematic Plumbing Systems Training Package
- Commercial Schematic Powerhouse Training Package
- Industrial Schematic Steam System Training Package
- Residential Plumbing & Piping





#### NEED HELP OR WANT TO CUSTOMIZE?

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### **MANUFACTURER** TRAINING

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# ...AND MORE!

#### ARE YOU A MANUFACTURER?

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### **RETAIN YOUR EMPLOYEES** ONGOING EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT

**DID YOU KNOW?** Businesses that invest in their employees' development and enable ongoing training have almost 50% higher retention rates.

The connection between employee retention and ongoing training is clear. Not only do employees stay with their employer for longer, ongoing training leads to enhanced morale and engagement among your team. In fact, it impacts your bottom line!

Retaining your key employees means succession planning, too. Learn to develop your next generation of leaders by retaining the talent that will lead your business to success in the future.



Companies with comprehensive training programs have a **24%** higher profit margin.



**45% of workers would stay** at a company longer if it invested in their learning and development.



Companies that invest in training and development have **37% higher employee retention rates** compared to those that don't.

Are **YOU** investing in retaining your top talent? Let **ASA University** help you reap the benefits of an ongoing training program and retain those quality employees.

#### ASA UNIVERSITY'S "ESSENTIALS **OF PRACTICAL LEADERSHIP IN** WHOLESALE-DISTRIBUTION" IS THE CORNERSTONE OF MDM



AUTHORED BY INDUSTRY EXPERTS, MDM STUDENTS GAIN A CLEAR PATHWAY TOWARDS LEARNING LEADERSHIP SKILLS FOR A PROFITABLE BUSINESS.

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#### **CRITICAL CHAPTERS**

#### **RECOGNIZED INDUSTRY** LEADERS ON TOPICS SUCH AS:

- CHANGE MANAGEMENT
- LEADING EFFECTIVELY
- COMMUNICATION
- MANAGING CONFLICT
- ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS
- EMBRACING CULTURE
- STRATEGIC DECISION-MAKING
- DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION
- PROCESS IMPROVEMENT
- KEY FINANCIAL METRICS
- VISIONARY THINKING
- SUCCESSION PLANNING

#### WITH SUPPLEMENTAL PEER-TO-PEER STUDY AND **ONLINE LEARNING PATHWAYS!**

### **DEVELOP YOUR LEADERSHIP BENCH WITH** ASA'S MASTER OF DISTRIBUTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

ASA University's premiere leadership program, the Master of Distribution Management Certificate Program, has offered unmatched flexibility and affordability for members to develop strong, action-oriented leaders. Our newest book offering, uniquely designed for the MDM program, Essentials of Practical Leadership in Wholesale-Distribution, has been developed with input from key leaders throughout the industry.

#### THE 12 MONTH MDM PROGRAM INCLUDES.



Set the stage with foundational concepts based in the realities of our industry with this new core book written by industry leaders.

Each month, come together with your fellow leaders-intraining via Zoom sessions to discuss topics learned after each chapter is complete

Dig deeper into core topics with elective training opportunities to demonstrate for independent mastery core study approved concepts by your mentor: minimum of 10 hours.

Complete a scenariobased assessment

Working with a mentor at your business, identify a real-life business initiative that you will tackle using the skills learned in MDM.

### MDM IS THE PERFECT FIT FOR EMERGING LEADERS



The **MDM** Program is the premier leadership program to grow skills and hone instincts of the next generation of leaders.



### SOFT SKILLS & SAFETY TRAINING





ASA University is constantly developing and delivering necessary training for the industry. Here you will find training that targets a specific skill or knowledge gap.

#### SOFT SKILLS:

- Business Etiquette
- Challenging Negative Attitudes
- Coaching Conversations
- Coaching for Development
- Creating a Respectful Workplace
- Creative Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking Skills
- Developing Positive Relationships at Work
- Ethics in the Workplace
- Selling Essentials: Developing Clients for Life
- Selling Essentials: Opening the Conversation
- Selling Essentials: Prospecting and
- Managing Territory
- Selling Essentials: Understanding the Sales Cycle
- Skillful Collaboration
- Taking Control of Conflict
- Team Excellence
- Time Management

#### **SAFETY TRAINING:**

Over 40 Safety courses are available on ASA-U Online, visit www.asa.net/store

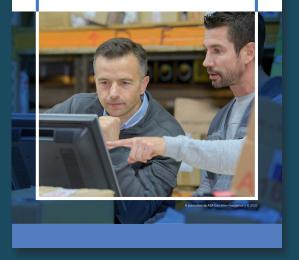
- Armed Intruder / Active Shooter Training
- Forklift Safety
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
- CMV Entry Level Driver Training
- First Aid Fundamentals
- Forklift / Powered Industrial Truck Safety
- Driver Safety
- The Drug-Free Workplace: Setting the Standard
- Violence in the Workplace





How to Develop an
 Effective Training Program

 A GUIDE TO TRAINING FOR
 THE INDUSTRY, BY THE INDUSTRY



This handbook draws on the knowledge, best practices, practical lessons, and experience of your peers through storytelling and real-life experiences. Read how industry peers address challenges, overcome hurdles, and celebrate success in their own training initiatives.

This road map to training success puts you in the driver's seat. The training implemented can be scaled up or down to fit the needs of your business, no matter the size.

### **ASA-U** PROVIDES SUPPORT IN ESTABLISHING BEST-IN-CLASS TRAINING

Authored by industry experts, ASA University's **"How to Develop an Effective Training Program"** handbook is **THE essential blueprint** to create an effective and impactful training program for your organization.

12 Chapters packed full of actionable strategies for trainers. Dozens of L&D experts from across the nation share their best practices.

### PLUS

#### A dedicated and knowledgeable team of learning & development experts ready to help build your training program.

ASA University's team of advisors can help you create, fine-tune, or revamp your training plan. We'll help you find the right path forward by understanding your training goals, and providing pathways to success!

Contact us for your complimentary copy of "How to Develop an Effective Training Program" handbook at education@asa.net.

SCAN for your FREE copy of ASA's Training Handbook!



### **20+** JOB DESCRIPTIONS & ASSESSMENTS

#### FREE TO ASA MEMBERS! **DOWNLOAD & CUSTOMIZE** WITH YOUR COMPANY BRAND

#### UNIVERSITY

#### COUNTER SALES

rson will increase sales and customer satis assisting walk-in and telephane customers in the selection and acquisit chnical knowledge to satisfy customer needs.

#### Job Duti

- Sales Ability/ Persuasiveness
- integrate industry p
- aff, etc.) into sales opportunities Ils & promotes the items and products that to customers who request other products, and successfully converts initia
- ver requests to stock brands. analytic skills and their and demonstrates understanding of basic busin
- mers' businesses (e.g. builder, plumber, contractor, consumer, etc.). and explains how the company differentiates from our direct and indirect aliantion to d
- competitio Incorporates the se
- company expectati Educates custon
- increasing their selling skills Builds relationships – Leart
- as a critical success to onstrates effective Presentation vith various audience types and sizes

Customer Focus

Analyzes customer's current and future needs to quickly determine if they can helped at the Counter or if they need to be passed to the next level of custo





ASA University's industry-vetted job descriptions and on-the-job assessments provide a simple way to align learners with the skills and behaviors needed to do the job right.

On-the-Job Assessments provide a quick, easy way to evaluate employee skills, customized to their job role.

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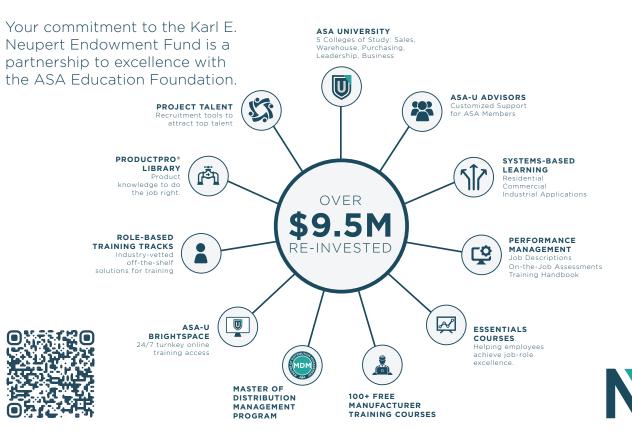
Taylor Albano VP of Training and Education ASA Education Foundation

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The ASA Education Foundation reinvests the generous donations of our supporters in programs such as ASA University, our premiere online learning platform, and the Master of Distribution Management (MDM) program, which is geared towards developing the next leaders in our industry.

It also enables us to create programs and resources to support our members, including in-person workshops, new course development, and publications.





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