

Programming Leader Role Description

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Skill development is essential to the success of the mission of the _____. We seek to enable clients, volunteers and staff to *serve to their purpose, passion and potential*. As the _____ Programming Leader, your role is to define the target skills then define and develop the curriculum.

Note: this role may be combined with a Volunteer Leader or Mentor Leader role.

Responsibilities

- Define the knowledge and critical skills for which you want to impact your clients and volunteers. [See Example](#).
- Determine the curriculum strategy (for example. purchase or develop, present via staff or volunteers, in-house or partners. If purchase, then review and select from what's on the market. If develop, then define the curriculum and guide the content development).
- Help write and/or edit the curriculum and supporting structural documents..
- Determine how best to implement the curriculum, e.g. self-learning via reading or videos, workshops and 1:1 coaching. Consider an [Understanding by Design](#) approach.
- Identify and develop programming partners (for example, another non-profit might do trauma training).
- Document key work processes to ensure sustainability including Curriculum Development and Curriculum Execution. Lead implementation of improvement ideas.
- Own the [Coaching Roadmap](#) and [Dreambook](#) and supporting documents and worksheets.

Key Metrics

- *Skills*: % skill attainment at target (for clients and volunteers).
- *Curriculum Design*: % desired modules are documented and tested.
- *Curriculum Execution*: % qualified facilitators, program executed per the plan.

Qualifications and Essential Skills

- *Experience with core work*. Can do the actual work of the volunteers, especially mentoring, teaching or coaching. This allows coaching by example.
- *Demonstrated passion for the mission*.
- *Life or career experience* with leadership, teaching, mentoring, project management or a special skill coupled with a desire to grow personally and professionally.
- *Process management*: treats work as a process.
- *Leadership*: envision, energize and enable staff and volunteers.
- *Writing skills*: can write concisely and simply.
- *People skills*: active listening, trust building and coaching/mentoring.

Principles

- *Teach people to fish*.
- Encourage people to learn in their own way. Content is easily accessible for self-learning.
- We benchmark with other local organizations, leveraging the [Life Solutions Network](#) and the GC Mentor Leadership Alliance.