Coaching with Confidence

There is one skill that separates managers from leaders; that separates those who are successful in creating a team of individuals who are committed to their work and the organization, from those who don’t. Every manager uses this skill occasionally. Only the best leaders know the principles needed to use this skill in the nuanced way that is necessary for great success. And to do that well requires more than just knowledge and skill, it requires confidence.

That skill is coaching.

Coaching is one of the most important roles of any leader, and when done well, one of the most personally powerful and gratifying parts the leadership role.

We often equate coaching with “dealing with performance problems” and while this is one purpose for coaching, it is a limited view. Coaching is just as applicable and important when working with a high performer as it is when working with a person who is struggling.

Put simply, the best leaders are good coaches.

Unfortunately, coaching is also a role many leaders struggle with. They can’t seem to “find the time” to coach; they toil while defining the purpose and focus for the coaching, miss the mark in setting clear expectations; and for these reasons and more that don’t have the level of confidence needed step to the plate to do the needed coaching and to do it well.

Many leaders, including those we have surveyed will say they are comfortable in coaching others, but even that is a step below being confident. Think about how you respond to a situation when you are confident; think about how willing you are to try again when you don’t get it quite right, and how much more energy you bring to a task you are confident in. Stated another way, if we don’t have the belief and confidence in ourselves and our abilities, we will never be able to lead to our highest potential.

Think too about how your confidence (or lack of confidence) spreads to others. If you aren’t a confident coach, you can’t be as supportive and helpful to others as you could otherwise be.

While many leaders don’t have the confidence to be remarkable coaches, you can.

This pervasive leadership challenge is exactly why we developed the Coaching with Confidence Workshop. At end of the day, if you lack the confidence to implement the strategies you’ve learned, your time and investment has been wasted. Coaching with Confidence is built on a coaching model that leaders can apply to any challenge or situation they will face in the workplace. It’s a powerful and effective program that not only teaches timeless and proven coaching principles, but also the tactics and strategies for applying them back in the organization.

In the workshop, we’ll work together to help you develop the mindset and confidence to actually act on and initiate what you’ve learned in the class. We will learn timeless and proven coaching principles, but we don’t stop there. We will also learn the tactics and strategies for applying them in your daily work. Together as a group, we will explore your coaching situations and work to develop solutions for each. We’ll help you to identify and capitalize on your unique strengths and provide tools to overcome your weaknesses. We’ll conclude with a purposeful session where you’ll create a personal plan that will put your coaching into action with practical first steps and next steps.
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KEY TAKE-AWAYS FROM THE WORKSHOP

- Define coaching in an aspirational and impactful way
- Identify the biggest challenges you face when coaching
- Describe the 7 important reasons successful coaching matters in any organization
- Describe at least 5 factors that increase personal confidence
- Use these factors to increase your confidence as a coach
- Use these factors to increase the confidence of those you coach
- Describe the 7 things you must bring to your coaching role to be most successful
- Outline the foundational principles required to be a confident and successful coach
- Set clear expectations for your coaching relationships
- Identify your coaching strengths and weaknesses
- Understand and use a Coaching Model in your work
- Apply the coaching model in a variety of situations
- Recognize the importance of support in a coaching situation
- Apply at least 10 ways to be more supportive as a coach
- Use your coaching skills for more effective performance management conversations
- Coach remote team members effectively
- Identify at least 7 ways to use your new skills outside of work
- Identify your most important next steps as a coach
- Build your personal plan of action

WORKSHOP FORMAT

“Coaching with Confidence” is not a one-way lecture. We don’t like passive teaching and no one learns in this setting. The workshop is a two-day, interactive and fun learning experience led by best-selling author and world-renowned leadership expert, Kevin Eikenberry. You will get the chance to practice and gain confidence in the new skills you learn with your other classmates and with Kevin. You’ll have the opportunity to discuss your unique situations and challenges and together you’ll build processes that you can use and apply back in the real world when you return from the event.

WHAT’S INCLUDED

All participants receive:

- A conference workbook for note-taking and to help guide your learning.
- 2 live, group coaching sessions after the workshop and with Kevin help you continue to master the strategies and techniques you learn in the workshop.
- A 6-month subscription to our print newsletter, The Insider.