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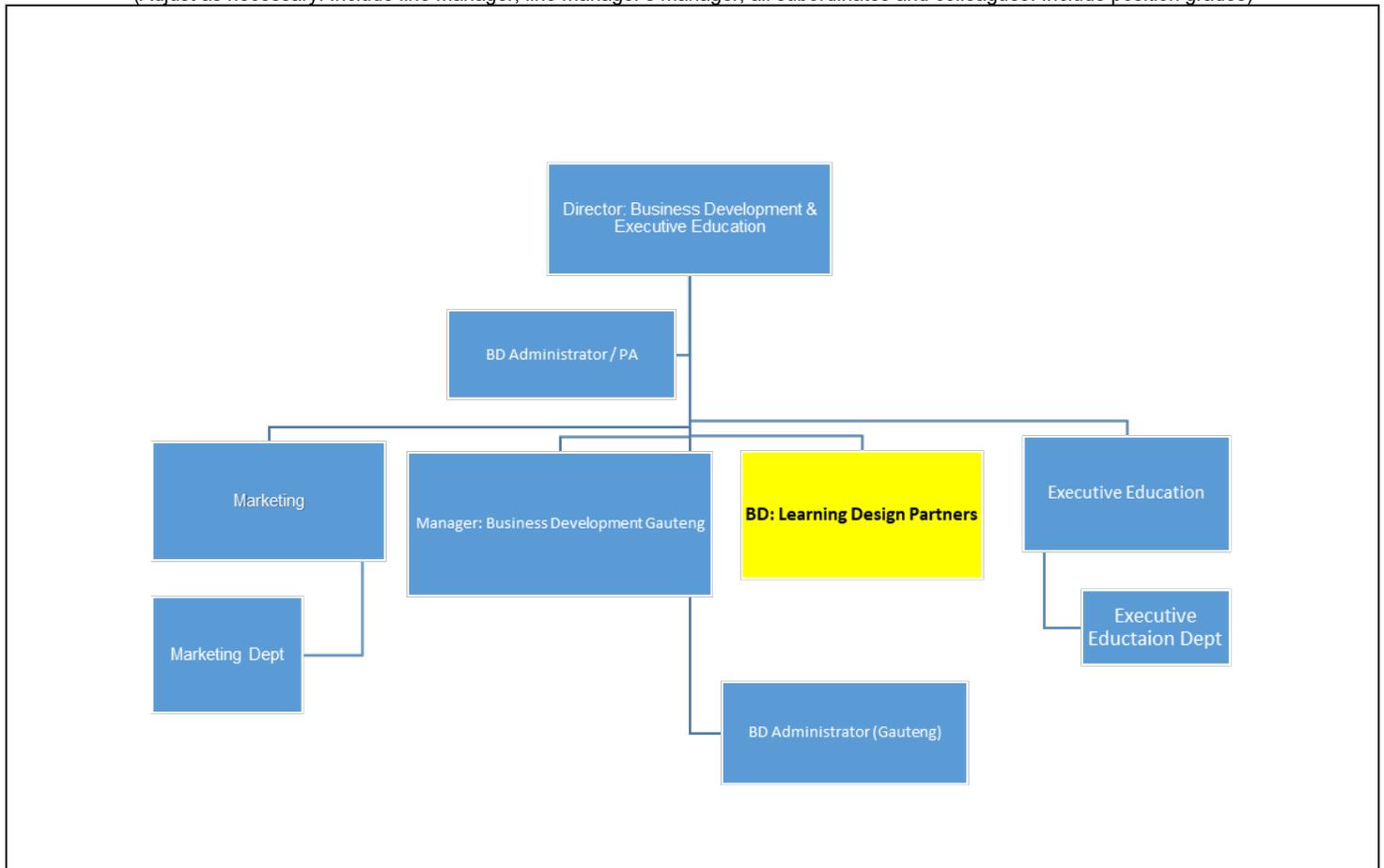
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- This form serves as a template for the writing of position descriptions.
- A copy of this form is kept by the line manager and the position holder.

POSITION DETAILS

Position title	Learning Design Partner		
Job title (HR Practitioner to provide)			
Position grade (if known)	PC 11	Date last graded (if known)	6 December 2019
Academic faculty / PASS department	GSB		
Academic department / PASS unit	GSB		
Division / section	Business Development		
Date of compilation	10 October 2025		

ORGANOGRAM

(Adjust as necessary. Include line manager, line manager's manager, all subordinates and colleagues. Include position grades)



PURPOSE

The main purpose of this position is to develop long-term, mutually beneficial partnerships with corporates / entities and deliver a competitive advantage to the UCT GSB. This role requires the successful candidate to significantly increase revenue and market share for the GSB through relationship management, key account management, instructional design and sales of customized Executive Education programmes.

CONTENT

Key performance areas		% of time spent	Inputs (Responsibilities / activities / processes/ methods used)	Outputs (Expected results)
1	1) Business development	35%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working closely with Business Development Director, Executive Education Director, Marketing and other stakeholders to develop and execute a business development strategy. Identify (market segmentation), secure, retain and grow key Executive Education customized accounts Develop clear action plans and tactics to grow client portfolio Manage and perform high-touch, complex consultative processes from identifying suitable opportunities, to finalizing client contracts. A thorough understanding of all GSB offerings and resource capabilities – including GSB delivery capabilities. Ability to engage with Faculty experts and interpret and summarize their areas of specialization coherently and accessibly. Engage with Senior Management and Executives asking appropriate and probing questions to uncover client needs. Identify open programme (Executive Education and Academic Programmes) leads and nurture to conversion with appropriate stakeholders Engage with key alumni for ongoing business opportunities. Ability to present the proposed design in a coherent and appealing manner to the client demonstrating an understanding of client needs matched to proposed interventions. Present proposal to Senior and Executive Management of target clients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An approved Customised Executive Education Business Development Plan Meet set revenue / profit targets for Executive Education Present winning proposals Increased GSB market presence / market share Having a well-developed portfolio of active clients Detailed programme proposals that match identified client needs, appropriate design theory and Faculty expertise Cross and up-sell across the GSB Executive Education portfolio and meet targets
2	2) Instructional design and project management	20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discover and analyze client needs and translate to desired learning outcomes based on appropriate instructional design theory Apply appropriate programme design methodology to co-create (with client, faculty and subject matter experts) a coherent, attractive and meaningful programme design Accurately interpret requirements for complex tenders / RFP's and complete submissions within tight time-frames Identify, secure and brief faculty and subject matter experts on programme design and required outcomes Ensure Learning Management System environment complements programme design and delivery A keen understanding of the role of online learning to support and enhance programme impact and experience for adult learners Contribute to the conceptualisation and scoping of online education course development projects including budgeting and scheduling Develop appropriate ROI and M&E mechanisms. Translate programme design into a coherent timetable. Appraise delivery team of programme objectives and requirements for delivery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Produce compelling client proposals and responses to tenders / RFP's Client programmes are delivered to contracted specification Client satisfaction with outcome Delegate / student satisfaction with learning outcomes Client retention of 75%+ Positive relations with delivery team, faculty and subject matter experts Demonstrate ROI to clients

3	3) Relationship management (Clients & stakeholders)	20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negotiate appropriate terms with clients as pertains to the design, delivery and price of training programmes • Liaise with Contracts office in drafting client contract/confirmation and quotation • Handover to Executive Education for programme delivery • Remain visible to clients through selective high-touch engagements such as on assessment panels, launches, graduation and facilitation to ensure quality delivery • Develop customized client relationships to identify cross-selling open programme opportunities. • Proactively follow up on all potential leads directing them to the relevant functional area. • Provide regular pipeline updates based on well-maintained CRM system • Maintain up to date records of all conversations with prospective/current clients on the CRM • Seek, develop and maintain good relationships with GSB staff, Faculty, Associate Faculty, corporate clients and alumni. • Be brand ambassador in every interaction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate programmes are delivered by GSB • Appropriate contractual terms in place to protect UCT GSB • Signed contract + SLA's in place • Growth and retention of a portfolio of clients • Extended cohort of associate faculty • Positive feedback/ User rating • Schedule and attend regular client meetings • Attend internal GSB meetings • Regular meetings with Executive Education
4	4) Project Management, co-ordination monitoring, evaluation and communication	20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the quality delivery of the programme as designed though appropriate monitoring and evaluating mechanisms. • Translating client agreed programme design into a coherent project plan • Monitor and evaluate programme progress versus planned delivery timelines and milestones • Work with Clients, Programme Convenors and Delivery teams to apply corrective measures to ensure programme / project success • Debrief programme effectiveness back to clients, per required milestones • Re-evaluate and redesign programme, as required. • Set, administer and provide feedback on appropriate delegate assessments and assignments, as required. • Provide client reports post programme, as required and agreed (report may include, for example, impact, engagement, ROI and further learning opportunities.) • Track market and competitor activity by keeping abreast of market changes and develop strategies to mitigate risk to GSB. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produce comprehensive project plan and roadmap for client programmes / projects • Positive delegate & client feedback • Regular client / program evaluation / ROI impact reports • Monthly measuring and reporting on achievements of strategic objectives • Regular market and competitor feedback and risk management.

5	5) Finance and Operations management	5%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accurate briefing of programme requirements in order to facilitate appropriate programme pricing • Accurately prepare customized programme quotations ensuring margin targets adhered to. • Based on market insight / research, recommend appropriate programme pricing strategies • Continuously identifying opportunities to leverage and maximize business development spend. • Put in place processes and tools to effectively and efficiently manage the business development operations and quality. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure programme financial viability • Meet set margin targets • Financial management according to budget plan • Course development projects have a realistic budget and timeline • Strategic objectives achieved • Excellent risk management resulting in low impact to GSB.
6	6) GSB Values	100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrate the GSB values in every decision, execution and interaction. • Provide back-up support within the business development team as required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness of how values impact everything we do and actively/visibly incorporating in daily operations as well as meeting strategic objectives. • According to values measurements.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Minimum qualifications	Post graduate degree at NQF level 8 in adult learning or equivalent Project Management Certification			
Minimum experience (type and years)	Background in Executive Education and/or organisational training development and/or CPD At least 5 years' experience in course / instructional design and facilitation that includes proposal writing, responding to Tenders /RFP's Proven experience in engagement and successfully fostering relationships with private/public sector leading to new business Proven experience in successfully managing and implementing complex projects (relating to Learning and Development / Training / Education)			
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong networking and people skills, cross-cultural sensitivity and an ability to respond quickly to changing situations • The ability to work across different business disciplines and establish credibility with senior executives, faculty and participants. • Strong people skills, cross cultural sensitivity and an ability to respond quickly to changing situations. • Sound understanding of adult learning principles and the ability to translate these into coherent visually attractive and innovative course design proposals in response to client needs. • Excellent communication, presentation, proposal writing and project management skills. • Strong negotiation and influencing skills supported by an in-depth understanding of customer relationship management / key account management and deal closure skills • Highly motivated self-starter with an ability to identify new business opportunities with a strong follow through to close business deals. • Strong time management skills with the ability to multi-task and work with minimal supervision. • Ability to be decisive and focused whilst working in a dynamic and fast paced environment. • Ability to pay close attention to detail while still keeping track of the larger strategic picture. • Financial awareness and an ability to be entrepreneurial • Creativity and problem-solving abilities 			
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insight into the challenges faced at executive levels of an organization as well as strong business acumen • Programme design methodologies • Understanding of qualification based learning and professional development learning • Higher education and business school landscape (local and international) - Demonstrates market and competitor awareness • HR Development and training evaluation methodologies 			
Professional registration or license requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered coaching / facilitation certification would be an asset 			
Other requirements (If the position requires the handling of cash or finances, other requirements must include 'Honesty to handle cash or finances'.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discretion and honesty essential – required to sign UCT GSB and client NDA's (non-disclosure agreements) • Honesty to handle finances / business credit card • Must have a valid drivers license and own transport • Must have a valid passport and a willingness and ability to travel locally and internationally • Willingness to travel locally and at times, internationally. 			
Competencies (Refer to UCT Competency Framework)	Competence	Level	Competence	Level
	Communication	2	Professional Knowledge & Skill	2
	Impact / Influence	2	Negotiation	2
	Building Partnerships	2	Adaptability / Flexibility	2
	Planning and organizing / work management	2	Persuasiveness / sales ability	3
	Initiating action / initiative	2	Result focus	2
	Analytical thinking / Problem solving	2	Client / Student Service and Support	3

SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY

Functions responsible for	Growing/ Developing client base; Proposal Writing; Develop appropriate ROI & M&E mechanisms; Responding to tenders / RFP's; Developing pool of adjunct faculty / Subject Matter Experts; Client handover to Executive Education delivery team; project management; reporting; effective CRM updating
Amount and kind of supervision received	No day to day supervision, high level revenue and operational targets / KPI's set, expected to appraise Director BD on all client opportunities and progress. Proposal concepts and direction developed in team environment
Amount and kind of supervision exercised	Provides guidance to programme coordinators and managers to ensure effective programme delivery
Decisions which can be made	Strategy execution and formulation (e.g. what clients to target; why those clients; how to pursue and develop client relationships; how best to pitch for work; which academics / faculty / adjunct faculty are best to use in order to get business / deliver on business); Negotiating contractual delivery and financial terms – in line with GSB policy / targets; how best to deploy marketing resources to assist) Day to day management; time spent on tasks / projects etc.
Decisions which must be referred	Final sign-off on contracts with clients; when negotiating non-standard terms / prices with clients

CONTACTS AND RELATIONSHIPS

Internal to UCT	Executive Education; GSB Marketing, Alumni Relations and Careers Services; GSB-JHB; UCT Contracts Office; UCT + GSB Finance Depts – for Procurement and UCT Administrative information; GSB + UCT Faculty; other GSB Departments (notably IT; Directors Office; Case Writing Centre)
External to UCT	Corporate South Africa; State Owned Enterprises; Other Universities; external Subject Matter Experts; Conference Organizers (e.g. CFO Indaba / Future of HR; CHRO Summit; LeaderEx); accrediting bodies such as AACSB / AMBA / EQUIS)