

A grayscale photograph of the St. Louis skyline at night, featuring the Gateway Arch as the central focus. The city lights are reflected in the water in the foreground. The text is overlaid on the image.

# Lifecycle Leadership

Series Overview

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- Leadership is not one size fits all
- Leadership looks different at each stage of the employee lifestyle
- The employee lifecycle includes
  1. Recruitment, interviewing, hiring
  2. Onboarding & new employee experience
  3. Development & career advancement
  4. Discipline & Corrective Action
  5. Retention & Offboarding
- Each stage has different needs, goals, common issues, etc.
- As a leader, you need to be intentional about leading your employees through each stage

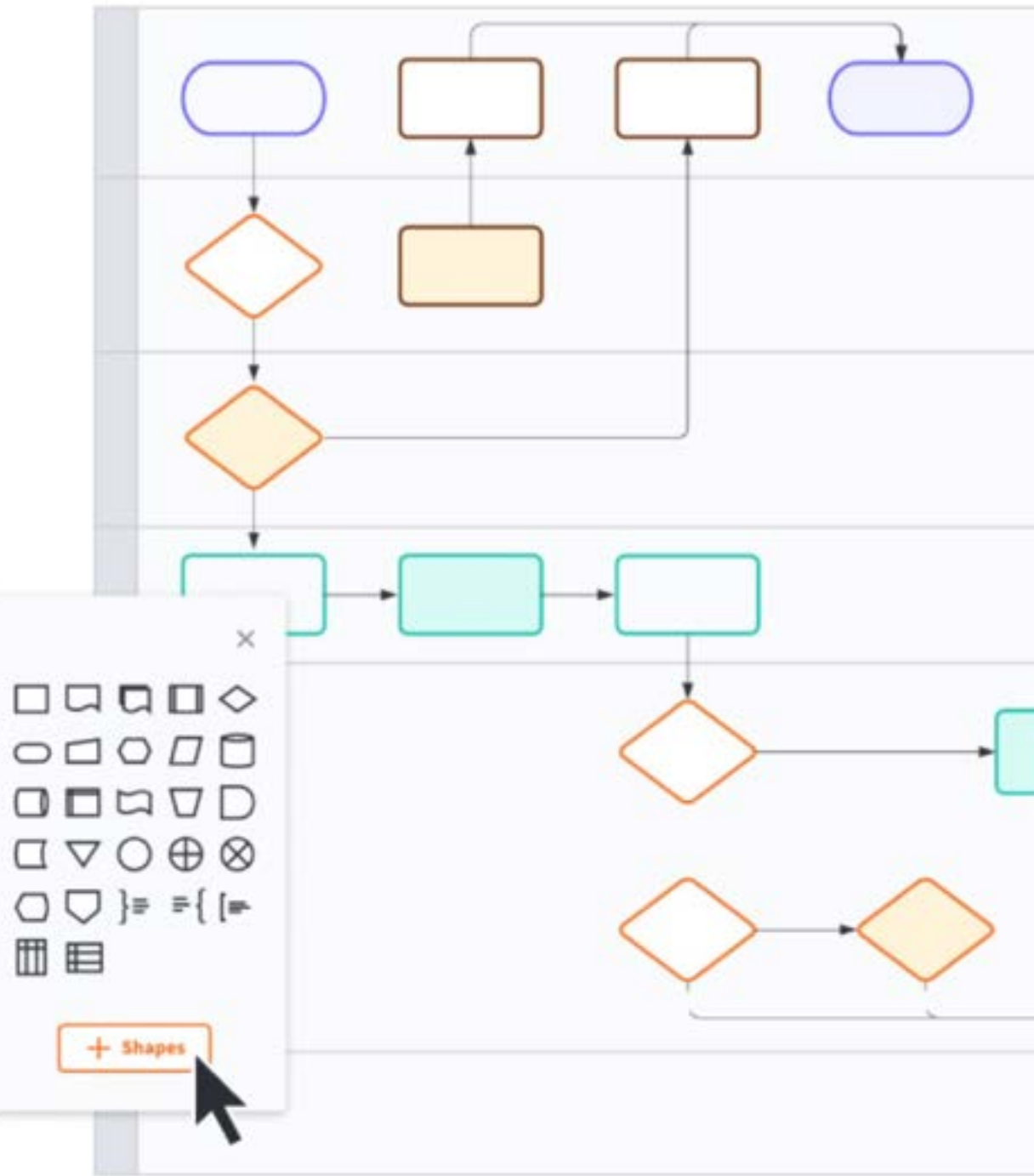


# Stage 1: Recruiting, Interviewing, Hiring

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## The Process:

- Writing a compelling job description
- Posting the job
- Actively recruit and grow the applicant pool
- Develop search committees and interview panels
- Schedule and conduct interviews
- Make an offer
- Ensure Federal Compliance (I-9)



# Stage 1: Recruiting, Interviewing, Hiring Needs & Goals

## **The candidate experience**

- Make a good first impression
- Communicate clearly and frequently
- Show genuine interest before, during, and after interviewing
- Perceived fairness and transparency

## **The organizational experience**

- Find talent, experience, and character
- Fill vacancies quickly



# Stage 1: Resources



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umsil.edu/services/fhrs/managers/hiring-toolkit.html

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## Recruiting and Hiring

Human Resources ▸ Managers ▸ [Recruiting/Hiring Guides and Forms](#)

### Staff and Academic Hiring Process

- [Flowchart for Staff Hiring Process](#) (10/02/2023)
- [Full-Time Academic Hiring Process](#) (10/02/2023)
- [Adjunct Hiring Process](#) (7/21/2023)
- [Post-Doctoral Hiring Process](#) (03/30/2023)
- [Courtesy Appointments](#) (8/18/2022)
- [Hiring an H-1B Scholars](#) (6/3/2022)

### Posting a Position

- [Job Posting Form for Staff Positions](#) (10/19/2023)
- [Job Posting Form for Academic Positions](#) (03/29/2023)
- [Advertising a Position](#) (10/19/2022)

### Reference Checks

- [Reference Checking at UMSL](#)

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## Stage 2: Onboarding & New Employee Experience



# Stage 2: Onboarding Needs & Goals

- Inclusion & Belonging
- Equipment & Resources
- Understanding the role
- Understanding the team
- Understanding the organization
- Setting the employee up for success, engagement, and retention





# Stage 2: Onboarding

Onboarding is much more than a half day orientation class lead by HR, it includes:

Pre-Boarding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduce &amp; prepare the team</li><li>• Ensure equipment is ready</li><li>• Instruct new employee on where to find/complete required documentation</li><li>• Instruct new employee on first day logistics/what to expect</li></ul>
The First Day Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Greetings, introductions, lunch plans, etc.</li><li>• Equipment ready to go</li><li>• Project preview, office tour, etc.</li></ul>
The First Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check-in, answer questions, help eliminate barriers</li><li>• Assist with any issues obtaining parking, ID card, metro card, email signature, time sheets , etc.</li></ul>
The First Month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check-in, make sure employee is settling in, transitioning well, enjoying the work. Address concerns and ask how you can continue to support.</li><li>• Remind employee to enroll in benefits, complete compliance training, etc.</li></ul>
The First Six Months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check-in, see if there's anything else the employee needs to feel fully settled. Address concerns and ask how you can continue to support.</li><li>• Remind employee that probationary period is complete and advise on changes</li><li>• Start thinking about growth opportunities</li></ul>

# Stage 2: Onboarding Resources

## Post Offer

- **Manager Checklists: The Employee's First Day and Week** (9/26/2022)
- **[New Employee Orientation](#)** (New benefit-eligible staff members are asked to attend New Employee Orientation)
- **Obtaining a University Computer and Phone** (5/19/2022)
- **[Preboarding and Onboarding Template](#)**

<https://www.umsl.edu/services/hrs/managers/hiring-toolkit.html>

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# Stage 3: Development & Career Advancement

## Development

- Foster a growth orientation
- Create a culture of regular, genuine, and specific feedback
- Consider employee's strengths and areas for improvement
- Consider how to capitalize on strengths and provide opportunities for stretch
- Consider how to develop areas for improvement

## Career Advancement

- Take interest in employee's career goals
- Consider what the natural next step or position would be (preferably in-house)
- Consider what skills are needed for that position
- Identify and fill the gaps through training, mentoring, and/or new experiences



# Stage 3: Development & Career Advancement



## Needs/Goals/Challenges:

- Retain talent
- Maximize employee potential
- Foster employee satisfaction

## Performance Management Series:

### Topics:

1. Foundations of Performance Management
2. Calibration
3. Understanding the Rating Scale
4. Coaching Conversations
5. Performance Management Panel Discussion
6. Continuing to Manage Performance



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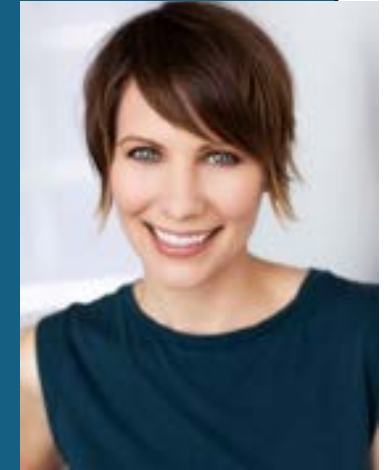
# Stage 4: Coaching & Corrective Action

- Notice a performance concern
- Initiate a conversation
  - Listen to understand
  - Map contributions
  - Give clear behavioral feedback
  - Take appropriate corrective action
  - Be consistent
  - Create a clear plan
  - Set/clarify expectations
  - Offer support
- Document the conversation (formally or informally)
- Follow-up & follow-through
- Use your HR Partner



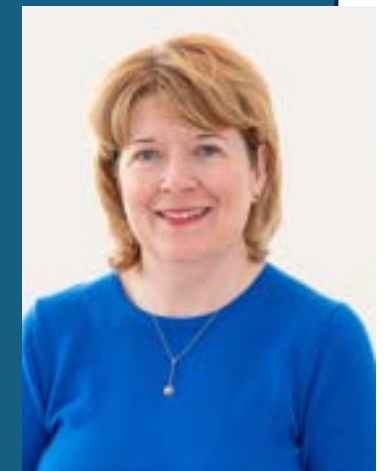
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## Discipline Guidelines and Templates

- [Discipline Guidelines](#)
- [Letter of Expectation Template \(05/23\)](#)
- [Verbal Warning Template - Word Doc \(01/24\)](#)
- [Written Warning Template - Word Doc \(1/24\)](#)
- [Performance Improvement Plan Template \(09/06/2022\)](#)
- [Probationary Counseling Form \(rev. 03/2022\)](#)
- [Termination Prep & Separation Checklist](#)





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# Stage 5: Retention & Offboarding

- Provide Recognition
- Foster Belonging
- Continually invest in team culture
- Promote work life balance
- Provide opportunities for growth
- Communicate the importance and meaning in the work
- Seek feedback – are your employees satisfied? Why or why not?
- Continue to grow and develop your leadership skills because supervisors are critical to retention



# Stage 5: Retention & Offboarding

## Retention

- How can I keep this person on my team?
- How can I keep this employee in my organization?

## Offboarding

- Succession planning
- Exit surveys
- Organizational Ambassadors



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