# Business Presentation Design

Department of Success

# Why: Purpose

- \* To inform...
- \* To influence...
- \* To enlighten...
- \* To motivate...
- \* To educate...

Which of these increases revenue in your practice?

- \* To generate leads...
- \* To sell...

# What is selling?

- \* A learned skill
- Slight altering of a prospect's belief systems
- Communication from honesty, integrity, and compassion
- \* Differentiation: Unique Selling Proposition
- Illustrating value = Benefit ÷ Cost

## Where: Contexts

- Public speaking (front-of-room)
- Direct one-on-one
- \* Phone conference
- Webcasting
- Classroom (teaching)

## For whom: Audience

- Prospective clients
- Prospective referral sources for clients
- Decision-makers for prospective clients
- Colleagues, peers

## Constraints

- \* Time
- \* Media
- Audience background, vernacular
- Practitioner experience/scope of practice

### Structure

- \* Opening (10%)
  - Whole-part-whole
  - \* Establish rapport, credibility
  - Qualification/relevance
  - Generate curiosity: interest-creating remark

## Structure (2)

- \* Body/persuasion (80%)
  - Goal to have audience adopt same or similar view as relevant to business
  - Benefits and features
  - \* Stories: invisible selling; inspiring; build belief
  - Main point(s), maximum of three
    - One to two supporting items for each
    - Confirm understanding, agreement

## Structure (3)

- \* Close to action (10%)
  - \* Reinforce initial qualification
  - \* Restate main point(s)
  - \* Call to action, offer

## How: Mechanics

- Identify match for marketing strategy, target
- Springboard
  - Borrow other people's scripts
  - Tell success stories
  - \* Reverse engineer your script (dominos)
  - Pre-handle objections

# Handling objections

- Identify common objections to industry/business
- Approaches
  - Use a success story
  - \* Ask a question to probe for understanding
  - Isolate
  - Investigate

## Close

- Natural conclusion to well-delivered sales presentation
- \* Decision point for prospect's next action:
  - ...to submit lead information
  - ...to book an appointment
  - ...to view marketing literature/web site
  - ...to buy product/service

## Closing techniques

- \* Remember that selling = service (filling need)
- \* Types:
  - \* Recommendation
  - Guarantee
  - Quote/proposal
  - Assume the sale/appointment
  - \* Ask for the sale

# Visual aid guidelines

- \* Refer to visual promotion piece guidelines
- Limited pyrotechnics
- Highly relevant
- Not a substitute for knowing material
- PowerPoint/Keynote/Word/Pages slides recommended