

K-STATE SUPERVISORY FOUNDATIONS

Pillar I: Establishing Your Supervisory Foundation Fall 2025

Understanding Your Role as a K-State Supervisor

Presented by Human Resources

This session is suitable for all academic, professional and support staff with management and/or leadership roles across the University. Participants will understand the importance of a leader who encourages and guides employees, advances teamwork, inspires trust and optimizes results.

October 14th
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Banquet Room C
K-State Alumni Center

Effectively Utilizing K-State Policies and University Handbook

Presented by Human Resources, Office of Civil Rights & Title IX and the Provost Office

This session provides an interactive opportunity for supervisors to apply K-State employment policies and the University Handbook.

Prerequisite online trainings: *Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for Supervisors, Benefit Your Team, Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) Basics: What Do You Need to Know, Foundations of the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), and Recognizing Discrimination & Sexual Harassment*

October 16th
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Banquet Room C
K-State Alumni Center

Understanding Legal and Ethical Responsibilities of Supervisors

Presented by Office of General Counsel & College of Business Administration Management Faculty

This session is designed to introduce participants to legal concepts by providing an overview of key laws and policies impacting the workplace. Participants will learn how to spot legal issues and how to best utilize resources to assist with potential legal and ethical concerns.

October 21st
1:00-5:00 p.m.
Room 126
Leadership Studies
Building

Fostering Community as a Supervisor

Presented by Human Resources

An interactive and informative session where participants will engage in a community healing hub and explore practices that will lead to our shared vision of One K-State.

October 23rd
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Purple Pride Room
K-State Alumni Center

Mindful Communication for Supervisors

Presented by A.Q. Miller School of Media and Communication

This session will provide participants insight into their own communication styles and anxieties. Participation will help supervisors understand how verbal and nonverbal communication can help to create more mindful, effective messages to employees.

October 28th
1:00-3:30 p.m.
Room 126
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Building Your Conflict Management Toolkit

Presented by Human Resources & the School of Human Sciences

Enhance your confidence in managing conflict within your department/unit by building your toolkit geared towards your supervisory role in responding to challenging situations that naturally occur within the workplace.

October 30th
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Banquet Room C
K-State Alumni Center

Collaborative Communication for Supervisors

Presented by A.Q. Miller School of Media and Communication

This session focuses on communication and decision-making, highlighting ways that communication can facilitate or hinder collaborative decision-making practices in the workplace.

November 4th
8:00-10:30 a.m.
Room 126
Leadership Studies
Building

Performance Management: Supervisory Best Practices

Presented by Human Resources

This highly interactive session will highlight the strategic best practices necessary for efficiently completing performance reviews and disciplinary action. It will also emphasize the supervisor's role in coaching employees for success and providing support.

Prerequisite online trainings: *Attendance Guidelines for University Support Staff (USS), Corrective Action for University Support Staff (USS), Evaluating University Support Staff (USS) Work Performance, and/or Best Practices for Evaluating Unclassified Professional.*

November 6th
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Banquet Room C
K-State Alumni Center

The Strategic Leader

Presented by Staley School of Leadership

In this session, participants will gain a deeper understanding of their own leadership styles and have an introduction to the leadership styles of others through completing the CliftonStrengths Assessment. Participants will then explore strategies to increase engagement and motivate their colleagues. Through case studies, participants will explore how to speak to loss and manage change at the unit and organizational level.

November 12th
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Flinthills Room
K-State Student Union