

# Tips for Providing Effective and Budget-Friendly SAS® Development in a Remote Environment

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# Challenging Times for Employers

Only 30% employees are ENGAGED, working with passion and feeling connected to their team, their organization and its goals

52% employees are NOT ENGAGED, showing up for work but not feeling the passion, just doing what needs to be done to get by

18% employees are ACTIVELY DISENGAGED, working against the success of the organization and its goals by pulling down their team

Median worker tenure < 5 years

# Professional Development meets the Challenge

- Increases employee engagement & retention
- Meets organization & individual goals
- Provides hard & soft skills
- Anticipates future challenges



"94% of employees would stay at a company longer if it invested in their career development"

(LinkedIn Learning, 2018, p. 8)

#### Decide the Path Forward with the SDPDC®

(Smith, 2019)



Acquire new knowledge / skills



 Able to apply competence to unfamilia situations

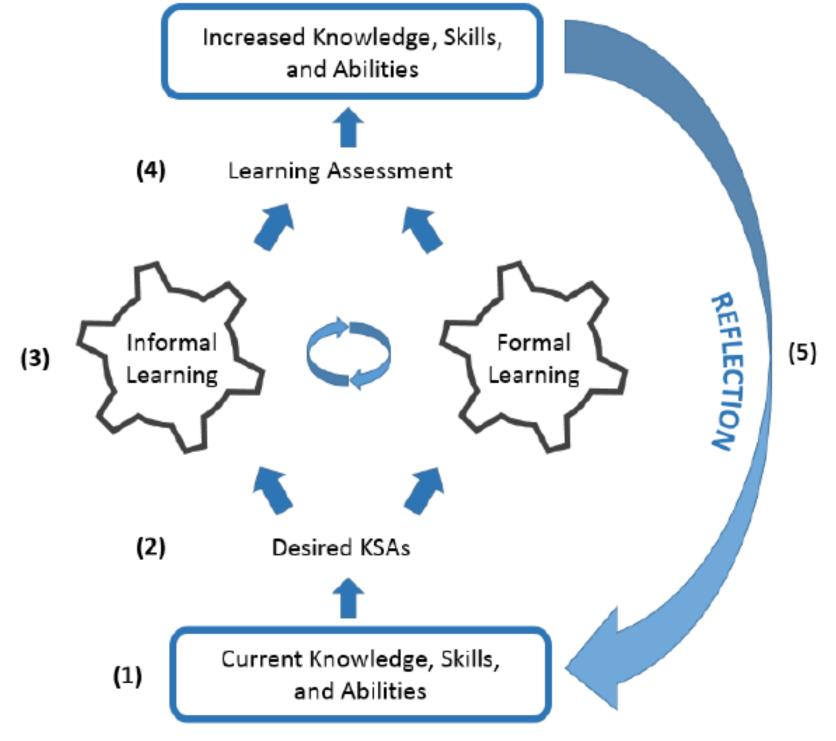
Stage 1 – Examine current skills

Stage 2 – Set learning goal(s)

Stage 3 – Research learning options

Stage 4 – Assess outcome of learning

Stage 5 - Reflect on learning process



# Identify Needs (Stages 1, 2) Individual or Manager

- Review current role responsibilities
- Review organizational needs / goals
  - Potential challenges
  - Potential opportunities
- Identify individual interests / goals
  - Refine / expand current skills
  - Expand responsibilities / skills
  - Lateral / vertical movement



### Create a Culture of Learning

- Learning seen as important
- Learning is an organizational goal
- Leaders / Managers set example
- Individualized learning plans
- Group learning options





"68% of employees prefer to learn at work"

(LinkedIn Learning, 2018, p. 7)

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### **Group Learning Options**

Learning together provides connection and increases learning time

(LinkedIn Learning, 2021)

- Pair Share
- Report Back
- Discussion Group
- Invited Speaker
- Problem-Solve

- Mini Challenge
- Escape Room
- Book Study
- Case Study



# Tips for Success

- Schedule time for learning
- Find accountability partner(s)
- Look past current role responsibilities
- Create personal / department resource library
- Competency & Capability

#### Free SAS Resources

#### Webinars

- Live or On-Demand
- Searchable by Topic or Industry

# eLearning

- Statistical Thinking
- Foundational Programming

#### eBooks

- Variety of Topics
- Variety of Platforms

#### Video Tutorials

- How To
- •SAS Global 2020

#### Communities

- Peer Support
- SUGs Access

# Analytics Explorer

- Programming Challenges
- Discussion Boards



## More Free / Low Cost Options

- Data Science / Analytics / Big Data
  - https://ocw.mit.edu/
  - www.edx.org



- <a href="https://blog.journeyofanalytics.com/50-free-datasets-for-data-science-projects/">https://blog.journeyofanalytics.com/50-free-datasets-for-data-science-projects/</a>
- https://www.ted.com/talks

50+ free Datasets for Data Science Projects

Soft Skills



- Organization HR/TD
- https://www.ted.com/talks
- https://wheniwork.com/blog/team-building-games

32 Team Building Games Your Whole Team Will Love

#### **SAS** Resource Links

- Webinars
  - https://www.sas.com/en\_us/webinars.html#live
- eLearning
  - <a href="https://support.sas.com/edu/elearning.html?productType=library&ctry=us">https://support.sas.com/edu/elearning.html?productType=library&ctry=us</a>
- eBooks
  - https://support.sas.com/en/books/free-books.html
- Video Tutorials
  - https://video.sas.com/category/videos/how-to-tutorials
- Communities
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