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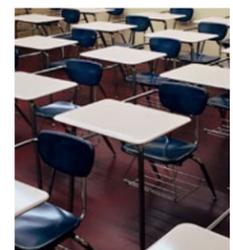
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**FROM THE EDITORS<sup>1</sup>**

OUR 13TH EDITION OF THE SEF ANNUAL INCLUDES A VARIETY OF ARTICLES OF INTEREST TO DIVERSE AUDIENCES. ONE CENTRAL THEME EMERGED THROUGH MANY OF OUR GUEST AUTHORS—**ACADEMIC RESEARCH IS CRITICAL**—encouraging the rise of Ph.D. candidates in Sales and supporting the professional community by providing access to research from innovative thinkers. Readers will enjoy our feature article on a “triple fit” approach to hiring, as well as articles on research as it fits into what professionals need in order to better hire, retain and train. Additional topics include interesting research on sales methodologies, techniques used in the classroom and new curriculum opportunities for sales students. The ANNUAL continues to provide space for other sales-based educational organizations who share their passions and stories.

The main focus of our ANNUAL magazine remains the Top Sales Universities within the pages of our listing. The very first SEF listing featured 27 universities who met basic criteria. Fast forward 13 years and you'll find 134 North American universities in the 2019 listing. In addition there are 16 International universities featured. We continue our tradition of collecting, analyzing and sharing data on these universities who provide high quality professional sales education to their students. Explore the information and connect with the contacts listed to learn what each unique program is doing.

We thank those involved in professional sales education—whether an educator, administrator or sponsoring company—each are responsible for helping this discipline gain recognition. We have seen tremendous growth during the past 13 years and are proud of everyone's accomplishments.

This edition, just like others in the past, will be one you'll want to refer to throughout the year! ▲

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# STRENGTHS, STYLES & SKILLS:

## TRIPLE FIT APPROACH TO SALES TALENT



“SALES ORGANIZATIONS ARE STRUGGLING WITH WHO TO HIRE, HOW TO FIND THEM AND HOW TO DEVELOP AND SUPPORT THEM.”

This quote comes from the CSO Insights 2018 Sales Talent Study released this fall. In fact, the study reports that only 16% of sales leaders say they are confident that they have the talent they need to succeed in the future.

So, what should you do if you are a sales leader in the other 84%? First and foremost, recognize that assembling the right sales team can be a complicated equation. Our guess is that you have multiple roles within your sales organization. Each of these roles may require different profiles, competencies, and skillsets to truly drive success for individuals and teams. People who don't work in sales often lump all sales jobs and all salespeople into one category, resulting in generic hiring and development practices that don't always help you drive long-term revenue and growth. To build and execute an effective talent strategy, you need to customize processes, training, and tools in a way that addresses the unique and complex nature of sales.

The good news is that complex doesn't mean it has to be hard. At GrowthPlay, we've developed our Triple Fit approach to acknowledge the multi-faceted nature of getting sales talent right while simplifying the complexity.

### GROWTHPLAY'S TRIPLE FIT APPROACH TO SALES TALENT MANAGEMENT

If you are looking to improve your odds of attracting, selecting and retaining top performers, we suggest that you use this framework to launch conversations among sales leaders, HR, L&D and sales enablement colleagues.

HERE'S A QUICK PRIMER ON THE THREE ELEMENTS



## SELLER STRENGTHS

Optimizing your sales force requires you to put people into roles that align with their natural strengths. Just as baseball has very specific roles—pitchers, outfielders, catchers and short stops—sales has many different and unique roles. And you will find, as they do with baseball, not many people can successfully play multiple roles effectively.

Our 45+ years of research and experience have shown that different sales roles require different strengths. For example, new business developers selling cutting-edge offerings need strengths in networking, qualifying prospects, and problem-solving. Account managers, on the other hand, need to possess the aptitude to educate customers, solicit feedback, and get things done on behalf of their clients or customers. It is extremely rare to find one person who has the natural capacity to perform both jobs well. In fact, it's so rare that we call these people "purple unicorns" – meaning stop looking for something that does not exist! Instead, get clear on what roles you need based on your market and sales approach and then focus on finding people with the potential to succeed in those sales roles.

## SELLER STYLES

In a nutshell, any version of personality style is simply a way of capturing the pattern of differences in our habits, motivations, and preferred approaches to life. When viewed this way, it makes sense to recognize that a person's patterns (aka style) can influence the kinds of jobs they will be attracted to and will be energized by. Someone who is extroverted and theatrical will likely prefer a sales job that is action oriented and has a short sales cycle. On the other hand, someone with a quiet, patient, and people-oriented personality will likely be drawn to selling roles that require a relationship approach.

Research pioneered by the Chally Group Worldwide (now part of GrowthPlay) revealed that there is no one best sales approach. In fact, our studies show that there are four main sales approaches, each of which best fits four different market types. And fascinatingly, it seems that certain personality styles best align with these four different sales approaches.

Of course, there is a big caveat when it comes to making style part of your talent management strategy. A person can like doing something but not be good at it. As a result, hiring and placement decisions based on style alone can backfire. So don't stop at styles. You need to formally evaluate strengths and skills.

## SELLER SKILLS

The last piece of the equation is seller skills. Skills is the term GrowthPlay uses to convey the quality with which sellers demonstrate desired behaviors on the job. Potential strengths are often only fully realized (turned into demonstrated skills) when they are intentionally developed through self-study, coaching, training, and practice.

While strengths may carry across from one firm to the next for similar roles or job families, the skills your company needs will vary depending on how you design your sales organization, how you clarify responsibilities and measure success or KPIs, and how you design your sales process. As Frank Cespedes writes in his book, *Aligning Strategy and Sales*, "You need to develop salespeople so that they are good at executing the sales tasks that are aligned with your specific strategy, not what they learned at another company that made a different set of strategic choices."

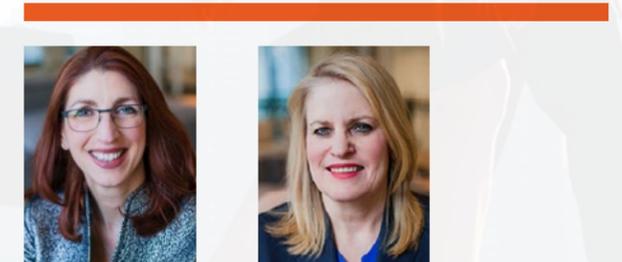
Other mistakes to avoid in the skills arena include attempting to fix talent gaps through training alone and/or sending everyone to the same training regardless of their skill level or role. We suggest getting clear on the skills you require and expect, assessing how well your sellers demonstrate those skills, and taking action to address the skill gaps that matter most to achieving outcomes such as revenue growth, client satisfaction, and retention.

## THE POWER OF TRIPLE FIT

Patti McCord, the former Chief Talent officer at Netflix became well-known and respected for her revolutionary approaches to talent management. She famously sums up her approach by asking one simple question, "Are your people doing the work they love doing and that they are extraordinarily good at?" We believe the Triple Fit approach provides you with the guidance you need to answer "yes" to that question.

Styles can give you a sense of what your sellers love doing. Strengths indicate each person's natural fit for a specific sales role. Skills tell you what activities your sellers have mastered and where they may need help to become extraordinarily good. Combine the three and what started as a complex puzzle becomes as easy as putting the right pegs into the right holes. ▲

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# WHY YOU SHOULD

## ADD HUMOR TO YOUR SALES TRAINING PROGRAM

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## WANT TO GIVE YOUR SALES TEAM AN EDGE?

Companies and universities are turning to humor for high performance

Adaptability training through improv games and activities helps sales trainees overcome barriers in communication and in connecting with others. Given its humorous nature, this type of training creates a safe environment for trainees to build competencies in recognizing and monitoring emotions, gaining empathy, recognizing bias, listening, and improving confidence and decision-making under pressure—all while having fun. When was the last time you attended sales training where trainees were engaged, smiling, and at times, laughing?

When I first started teaching sales, I noticed during training that students would stop in the middle of their first role play, look up at me stunned, and say, "I don't know what to say." This was frustrating, so I turned to Melissa Bowler, founder of Providence Improv Guild, to help me teach students to adapt with confidence and think on their feet, rather than feeling like a deer caught in headlights. Each semester, we started with a session on adaptability training and students breezed through role plays. We didn't understand exactly what was changing, but we noticed students were performing well and employers started coming to campus asking if there was something in the water at Bryant because our graduates were performing so well in sales. We started conducting research and found something very interesting. Before adaptability training, females reported lower confidence than males in their ability to make decisions, think during

stressful situations, and adapt to new information. After just one training session, we saw lasting improvements for both males and females, but what shocked us was that just one training increased the female group confidence levels to the same as their male counterparts. At that point, we knew we had something special.

Dr. Robert Peterson, Associate Professor of Marketing and Editor of Journal of Selling, uses adaptability training in his B2B class each week at

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Northern Illinois University. Peterson explains that in sales, "No one wakes up in the morning and is handed a script for the day. It's all about improvisation, but the goal is not to be funny, but valuable." Peterson takes his class to Second City in Chicago for training once a semester and has noticed a marked difference in student listening skills and confidence. He uses improv in class as a teaching tool and has found lessons in improv have expanded his teaching ability, "If spontaneity, creativeness, collaboration, and listening are important business skills, then improv is the perfect training tool. In fact, I am taking my 7th formal class myself at Second City and it has broadened my classroom teaching significantly."

**"IF SPONTANEITY, CREATIVENESS, COLLABORATION, AND LISTENING ARE IMPORTANT BUSINESS SKILLS, THEN IMPROV IS THE PERFECT TRAINING TOOL."**

Dr. Andrea Dixon at Baylor University hosts an entire boot camp before the semester starts each fall including improv training. Dr. Howard Dover at the University of Texas at Dallas conducts improv sessions for mixed

groups of students and corporate partners. Dr. David Fleming at Indiana State University incorporates improv games to train students on presenting the features, advantages, and benefits of products and services, and uses improv as a tool to engage students in a world of digital disruption. Companies are using adaptability training to adapt to changes in the marketplace. For instance, Nick Valeri at Toast notes that adaptability and improv training have helped him make connections with customers.

Dr. Ellen Pullins at the University of Toledo found a huge theory and practice gap during her research in Journal of Marketing Theory and Practice. She found that, "Salespeople clearly know they should adapt. They report it as a critical skill and something that they do in interviews on best practice, but their customers tell a different story—one where the same salesperson walks in with a canned presentation, listens intently to the customer needs, signals agreement and understanding, and then pulls out the canned or preplanned PowerPoint." It is common sense to use adaptability training and apply it in sales; it is just not common practice yet. If you want your sales team to win more business and connect with customers more effectively, then give improv a shot. ▲



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## PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS



# SEF RESEARCH GRANTS CONTINUE TO YIELD PRACTICAL INSIGHTS

Since 2011, the Sales Education Foundation has awarded more than \$100,000 in research grants through the generous support of Neil Rackham and others. A key criterion in the judging of each year's grant applications is the practicality of the research topic. In other words, we want to promote sales research that not only advances the body of knowledge, but also provides valuable insights to the millions of sales practitioners around the world.

In 2018, three award recipients published their completed research projects. We are thrilled to highlight the insights from these projects and to congratulate the authors on their success.

## ENGAGE YOUR SELLERS IN THEIR OWN GOAL SETTING

### RAGHURAM BOMMARAJU—2014 GRANT RECIPIENT

Incentive compensation plays a large role in motivating and rewarding salespeople's performance. In their research paper *Self-Selected Sales Incentives*, Raghuram Bommaraju of Iowa State University and a colleague examined the impact of letting salespeople self-select their own sales targets and rewards. In a series of experiments, sellers were given a menu of incentive schemes from which they could choose a single option. For example, a seller could choose among a \$1,000 bonus for a 5% sales growth, \$2,000 for 12.5% growth, and \$4,000 for 20% growth. Other salespeople were assigned a uniform target and reward by their managers, which is the typical management approach.

They discovered that the salespeople who self-selected their incentive plans dramatically outsold those who were assigned a uniform quota and bonus. They suggest that this is because the sellers took greater ownership in their goals, since they played a role in setting them. The managerial implication here is powerful: You should not treat all of your salespeople identically when it comes to goal setting and incentives. Different sellers perform at different levels, and they are more motivated and productive when they set goals in which they have confidence and ownership.

## CAREFULLY MANAGE ROLES THAT BOTH SELL AND SERVICE CUSTOMERS

### RAJ AGNIHOTRI—2014 GRANT RECIPIENT

Many salespeople play two distinct roles: 1) servicing existing customers 2) proactively upselling and cross-selling those customers. In the research paper *Salesperson Ambidexterity and Customer Satisfaction*, Raj Agnihotri from the University of Texas at Arlington and his colleagues examined the impact of these dual roles on salespeople's behavior and effectiveness. More specifically, they set out to discover whether sellers who were required to play both roles were better at adapting to their customers' needs, and whether the stress of playing dual roles led to job dissatisfaction.

Their research concluded that salespeople who played both roles were in fact much more adaptable to their customers' buying needs. However, they also discovered that the dual roles caused conflict for the sellers. The implications for sales leaders are many. Companies that employ such dual roles must not only clearly define expectations for the roles, they must also enable both behaviors through specialized training and support. Finally, management must be alert to the challenges of such dual roles to ensure that employees are not conflicted, which could have a negative impact on their customers.

## BEWARE: TURNOVER IN A SALES FORCE IS CONTAGIOUS

### V. KUMAR—2015 GRANT RECIPIENT

Involuntary turnover is a killer of sales force productivity; however, most sales leaders consider it an unavoidable reality. In the research paper *Why Do Salespeople Quit?*, V. Kumar from Georgia State University and his colleagues investigated the actual underlying causes of avoidable sales force turnover. Not only did they look at factors related to the salesperson, such as relative sales performance, customer satisfaction, and goal attainment...They also looked at the influence of their peer's behaviors, such as the variance in peer performance and the turnover of their colleagues.

Interestingly, the research revealed that the peer factors mentioned above had a greater impact on salesperson turnover than the performance of the sellers themselves. In other words, while a salesperson's poor performance might foretell their departure, an even stronger indicator might be the behavior of their peers. The implication is that sales leaders need to pay close attention to their sales force as a whole, because once turnover takes place (both voluntary and involuntary), the probability increases that more defections are coming.

## STAY TUNED

If you are a sales professional, we encourage you to continue paying close attention to the great insights being uncovered by the community of university researchers. Visit the SEF website's Sales Research page (<https://salesfoundation.org/elevating-sales/sales-research/>) periodically to see recent additions.

If you are a researcher looking for additional resources, don't forget SEF funds two annual research grants. Information on this is also available on the Sales Research page of the SEF website. ▲



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# HOW THE USCA CONTRIBUTES TO SALES RESEARCH



As noted in the *Sales Education Foundation (SEF) Annual Magazine*, sales education continues to be an important area of academic inquiry and its reach is broadening. The Sales Education Foundation (SEF) has developed a strong base of support at the university level through its funding of sales research for enhancing business practices and educational reforms. A key goal of these efforts focuses on “bridging the gap between academia and industry.” The University Sales Center Alliance (USCA) shares the SEF’s mission of promoting academic and business research that enhances how academia prepares students for a career in sales and how industry practices the art and science of sales.

The University Sales Center Alliance (USCA) is a consortium of sales centers and institutes connecting university faculty members with many different backgrounds and areas of expertise. Launched in 2001, the USCA has grown to over 50 sales centers and institutes in four countries (and growing). Our mission is “To advance the selling profession through setting and monitoring sales program standards, sharing best practice, enhancing sales curricula, and preparing students for a career in sales.” Together, our members advocate for the continuing advancement of the sales profession through teaching, research and outreach. In past SEF articles we discussed how the USCA helps students prepare for a sales career, either through entering the professional workforce or seeking doctoral degrees in sales. Here, we focus on how the USCA encourages and supports sales research.

The Academic Resources Committee (ARC) oversees the majority of the USCA’s research activities. ARC’s charge is to identify ways that the USCA can support this mission with the resources at our disposal. The USCA values academic research that (1) advances sales as both an academic and applied discipline, (2) enhances sales pedagogy and (3) creates the next generation of sales leaders in higher education. Towards that end, each year the ARC develops a list of projects that we feel meet those goals.

The USCA supports sales research in five interrelated areas: (1) Editing and Sponsoring Academic Journals, (2) Funding Doctoral Dissertations, (3) Best Journal Articles, (4) Academic Conference Support, and (5) USCA member research.

Overall the USCA through the efforts of the ARC hope to see the continued rise of the sales discipline in academic research circles, create stronger sales educators, create research that matters to both academics and practitioners, and encourage the growth of more sales academics for the future of the discipline. If you have any questions, please feel free to call (262-472-5474) or email (peltierj@uw.edu) Jimmy Peltier to learn more about what we do at the USCA. You can also visit our website (<http://www.universitysalescenteralliance.org/>). We look forward to hearing from you! ▲

## ACADEMIC CONFERENCE SUPPORT

Academic conferences are one of the most important mechanisms for the sharing of research ideas. The USCA has long been an active sponsor of such endeavors. In the past five years the USCA has allocated funds (best papers, educators, receptions etc.) at a wide range of conferences, including the Global Sales Science Institute, the National Conference for Sales Management, AMA Sales SIG, AMA Collegiate Conference, the Sales Management Association, and the PHD Project. To encourage research collaboration amongst member institutions in research the ARC is developing a USCA research symposium to coincide with our bi-annual meetings.

## BEST JOURNAL ARTICLES

Recognizing and supporting high-level sales research through published journal articles and academic conferences is a key component of the USCA’s mission.

Beginning in 2019, the USCA will also be sponsoring a Best Application Paper with a corporate partner in the Journal of Selling. The Journal of Selling’s “objective is to provide a focus for collaboration between practitioners and academics for the advancement of education and research in selling.” For more information, contact Editor Rob Peterson (peterson@niu.edu) or visit their website. <https://cob.niu.edu/academics/marketing/certificates/journal-of-selling/index.shtml>

## FUNDING DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS

The USCA has placed high priority on identifying the next generation of sales academics and researchers. In pursuit of this goal, the USCA sponsors two dissertation-related research activities: (1) The National Conference of Sales Management Doctoral Student Awards and (2) the AMA Sales SIG Doc Proposal Awards. Winners included Shashank Vaid and Manuel Berkmann.

## ACADEMIC JOURNALS

Since 2012, USCA leaders Andrea Dixon, Dawn Deeter and Jimmy Peltier have edited five special issues in academic journals: the Journal of Marketing Education, the Journal of Research in Interactive Marketing, and the Journal for Advancement of Marketing Education. The USCA is once again editing another special issue on sales in the Journal of Marketing Education: “Special Issue Call for Papers: Sales Education and Training 2.0.” (<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/0273475318811708>). The submission deadline is February 1, 2020. Please contact Co-editors Dawn Deeter (Ddeeter@ksu.edu) or Jimmy Peltier (peltierj@uw.edu) for more information.

The USCA is also committed to continuing these efforts as well as expanding our global influence on sales research. The ARC has plans to offer a best sales paper of the year award through the European Journal of Marketing. A significant number of citations have emerged from these journal sponsoring activities.

## USCA MEMBER RESEARCH SUPPORT

The largest project that the ARC is currently working on is the creation of a research grant program for researchers at USCA member schools. The goal of this effort is to incentivize the USCA membership to create cutting edge research in the sales domain that has a strong likelihood of high level journal publication. In a related measure, the ARC is working to develop a point of connection for researchers at member institutions to find research partners with similar interests or necessary skill sets to advance research projects.



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# SEF TOP UNIVERSITIES FOR PROFESSIONAL SALES EDUCATION



2019 **SEF** TOP UNIVERSITIES FOR PROFESSIONAL SALES EDUCATION

## TOP NORTH AMERICAN SALES SCHOOLS

	Online Course	Specialty Area	CRM	Sales Internship Program	Real Estate	Job Placement	Has a Sales Lab
Appalachian State University		▲			4	90	▲
Arizona State University				▲	3	90	
Arkansas State University	▲	▲	▲	▲	3	95	▲
Auburn University		▲	▲		5	95	
Aurora University					3	95	
Ball State University	▲	▲			6	95	▲
Baylor University			▲	▲	5	100	▲
Bentley University		▲	▲	▲	3	100	
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania			▲		4	95	▲
Bowling Green State University	▲	▲			4	*	▲
Bradley University					3	100	▲
Brigham Young University		▲			2	100	▲
British Columbia Institute of Technology			▲	▲	3	100	
Bryant University		▲	▲	▲	3	*	▲
Butler University		▲			3	98	
California State University, Chico	▲	▲	▲		9	100	▲
California State University, Fullerton	▲	▲	▲		7	95	▲
Central Michigan University		▲	▲		8	95	▲
Clemson University	▲				4	100	▲
Cleveland State University			▲	▲	3	*	▲
Nicholls State University		▲				95	▲
North Carolina A&T State University				*	80	▲	
North Dakota State University			▲	▲	1	100	▲
Northern Arizona University			▲		2	*	▲
Northern Illinois University	▲		▲		8	100	▲
Northwest University			▲	▲	3	100	
Ohio University	▲			▲	8	100	▲
Plymouth State University		▲	▲	▲	6	*	▲
Purdue University	▲	▲	▲	▲	10	95	▲
Purdue University Northwest		▲			2	*	▲
Ryerson University	▲	▲	▲		5	*	
Salisbury University			▲	▲	4	100	▲
Samford University			▲	▲	2	100	▲
Sonoma State University					9	*	▲
Southeast Missouri State University	▲	▲			2	*	
Southeastern Louisiana University			▲	▲	4	*	
Southern New Hampshire University					2	100	▲
St. Ambrose University			▲		5	100	▲
St. Catherine University		▲	▲	▲	8	95	▲
St. Cloud State University	▲				8	100	▲
University of North Carolina	▲	▲	▲		1	90	
University of North Texas			▲	▲	3	100	
University of San Diego, The		▲			2	100	
University of South Carolina, The					4	90	▲
University of South Florida, The	▲		▲		5	*	▲
University of Southern Mississippi, The		▲			3	*	▲
University of Texas at Arlington, The	▲				4	*	▲
University of Texas at Dallas, The		▲	▲	▲	4	95	▲
University of Toledo	▲		▲	▲	6	96	▲
University of Washington		▲		▲	3	96	
University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire	▲	▲	▲		3	100	▲
University of Wisconsin Oshkosh					2	*	
University of Wisconsin - Parkside		▲	▲		2	100	▲
University of Wisconsin - River Falls					4	98	▲
University of Wisconsin - Whitewater	▲	▲	▲		6	100	▲
University of Wyoming					3	70	▲
Utah State University	▲		▲		2	83	
Virginia Commonwealth University	▲	▲			6	*	▲
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University					2	100	▲
College of New Jersey, The					2	100	
DePaul University	▲	▲	▲		19	95	
Douglas College		▲			8	90	
Duquesne University					4	91	▲
East Carolina University	▲	▲			4	*	
Eastern Kentucky University		▲			3	*	▲
Eastern Michigan University					3	90	▲
Elon University		▲			3	95	▲
Ferris State University		▲			8	*	
Florida International University	▲	▲	▲		5	80	▲
Florida State University		▲	▲	▲	6	100	▲
Georgia Southern University	▲	▲	▲		5	98	▲
Georgia State University		▲			6	80	
High Point University	▲	▲			7	98	▲
Hodges University	▲	▲			4	*	
Husson University	▲	▲		▲	3	100	
Illinois State University	▲	▲	▲		5	99	▲
Indiana State University	▲	▲	▲		5	99	▲
Indiana University			▲	▲	3	99	▲
Iowa State University					4	*	
James Madison University		▲			10	95	▲
Kansas State University	▲		▲		6.5	100	▲
Kennesaw State University	▲	▲	▲		7	98	▲
Kent State University		▲		▲	6	100	▲
La Salle University	▲		▲		4	95	▲
Louisiana State University		▲	▲		15	100	▲
Marian University				▲	3	100	▲
Marquette University		▲	▲	▲	3	100	
Metropolitan State University of Denver	▲		▲		3	80	▲
Michigan State University	▲	▲	▲	▲	6	100	▲
Missouri State University	▲		▲		3	90	▲
Morehouse College			▲		2	90	▲
Stetson University					4	*	▲
Temple University	▲	▲			6	87	
Texas A&M University					6	*	▲
Texas State University			▲	▲	6	95	▲
The Citadel	▲		▲		5	100	▲
Tuskegee University					4	68	▲
University of Akron	▲	▲	▲		7	100	▲
University of Alabama	▲		▲		6	100	▲
University of Alabama at Birmingham	▲	▲	▲		6	90	▲
University of Arkansas Little Rock	▲		▲		2	95	▲
University of Central Florida					7	100	▲
University of Central Missouri	▲				2	*	▲
University of Central Oklahoma		▲	▲		5	90	▲
University of Cincinnati		▲			15	99	▲
University of Connecticut		▲		▲	2	100	
University of Dayton		▲	▲	▲	6	98	▲
University of Florida	▲	▲	▲		2	*	
University of Georgia		▲	▲	▲	2	100	▲
University of Houston			▲	▲	13	98	▲
University of Kansas			▲		2	90	▲
University of Louisiana at Lafayette	▲	▲	▲		1	100	▲
University of Louisville					2	*	▲
University of Missouri	▲	▲	▲	▲	8	90	
University of Nebraska at Kearney		▲	▲	▲	3.5	100	▲
University of Nebraska at Kearney	▲				2	89	
University of Nebraska-Lincoln		▲	▲	▲	4	99	▲
University of Nebraska-Omaha					4	*	
University of New Hampshire		▲	▲	▲	1	99	
University of New Haven, The		▲	▲	▲	2	90	
University of North Alabama	▲				2	100	▲
University of North Carolina at Greensboro		▲			4	90	
University of North Carolina at Wilmington	▲		▲	▲	2	85	▲
Washington State University Vancouver		▲	▲	▲	3	95	
Weber State University	▲	▲	▲		21	99	▲
West Virginia University	▲	▲			5	100	▲
Western Carolina University		▲			2	*	▲
Western Kentucky University	▲	▲			3	*	▲
Western Michigan University					5	99	▲
Widener University			▲		1	95	
William Patterson	▲	▲	▲		5	90	▲
Winona State University			▲	▲	3	100	▲
Xavier University of Louisiana	▲		▲		2	70	▲
Youngstown State University		▲	▲	▲	4	86	▲

## TOP INTERNATIONAL SALES SCHOOLS

Aalen University of Applied Sciences	▲	▲	▲		145	90	▲
Athens University of Economics and Business		▲			2	50	▲
Dublin Institute of Technology	▲	▲			*	80	
Edinburgh Napier University	▲	▲			7	100	
Eindhoven University of Technology		▲			9	95	
EURIDIS Business School	▲	▲	▲	▲	26	97	▲
Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences	▲	▲	▲	▲	24	99	
Justus Liebig University			▲		7	100	▲
Kristiania University College					11	93	
Reutlingen University		▲		▲	14	100	▲
Turku University of Applied Sciences		▲			18	100	▲
Universidad de Chile	▲		▲		18	95	
Università Bocconi		▲			4	95	
University of Applied Sciences in Wiener Neustadt	▲	▲	▲		53	93	▲
University Clermont Auvergne	▲	▲	▲		22	90	▲
University of Portsmouth		▲			6	80	▲

## REQUIREMENTS FOR TOP UNIVERSITY SALES PROGRAM LISTING

THE FOLLOWING UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS PREPARE STUDENTS FOR CAREERS IN PROFESSIONAL SELLING. TO BE LISTED, SALES PROGRAMS MUST: A) OFFER A MINIMUM OF THREE SALES-SPECIFIC COURSES; B) RECEIVE ACCREDITATION FROM AN EXTERNAL SOURCE; AND C) HAVE UNIVERSITY RECOGNITION OF THE PROGRAM.

### PROGRAMS:

Undergraduate: **UCE** = Certificate **UCO** = Concentration **UEM** = Emphasis **UMJ** = Major **UMN** = Minor **USP** = Specialization

Graduate: **GE** = Graduate Emphasis **GF** = Graduate Focus **GCE** = Graduate Certificate

Executive: **EC** = Executive Certificate **EF** = Executive Focus **ET** = Executive Training

#### AALEN UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

<https://www.hs-aalen.de/de/courses/25>

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Students: 40  
Start Year: 2000  
Accreditation(s): GSSI, AQAS, ZEVA  
Program Type(s): **UMJ, UMN, USP, GF, ET**

Focus Option(s): Communication/Broadcast Sales, Entrepreneurship, Industrial Distribution, International Business, Technology, Engineering & Services

The institution provides Interdisciplinary (Techno-Commercial know-how) that is unique in Europe. Also a Bachelor Program (B. Eng.) as well as Master Program (M. Eng.) is offered. Hidden Champions provides a Strong Practical as well as Research Orientation.

#### APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

[business.appstate.edu](http://business.appstate.edu)

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Students: 140  
Start Year: 2014  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, PSE  
Program Type(s): **UCO, UMN**

Focus Option(s): Communication/Broadcast, Entrepreneurship, Finance, Industrial Distribution, Insurance, International Business, Technology, Fashion & Apparel Merchandising

The mission of the John A. Walker College of Business is to deliver transformational educational experiences that prepare and inspire students to be ethical, innovative, and engaged business leaders who positively impact our community, both locally and globally. Every student taking Professional Selling has a professional sales mentor for the semester.

#### ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

<https://wpcarey.asu.edu/marketing-degrees/professional-sales-program>

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Tempe, AZ 85287  
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Students: 190  
Start Year: 2014

Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): **UCE, UCO**

The program has three dedicated sales faculty, a Professional Sales Advisory Board, and two student organizations: ASU participates in the Arizona Collegiate Sales Competition which includes all three major universities in Arizona (Arizona State University, University of Arizona, and Northern Arizona University), and each semester it hosts the Sun Devil Sales Pitch competition for our sales students.

#### ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

<http://www.astate.edu/college/business/>

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Students: 60  
Start Year: 2015  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, USCA  
Associate Member

Program Type(s): **UEM, UMN, ET**  
Focus Option(s): Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, Insurance, Medical/healthcare Sales

The College of Business opened a new Sales Leadership program. It is a place to not only hone in on sales techniques, but a chance to grow relationship building skills.

#### ATHENS UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS

<http://www.mbc.aueb.gr/>

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Students: 120  
Start Year: 1996  
Accreditation(s): GSSI, EFQM  
Program Type(s): **UCE, GCE, ET**

Focus Option(s): Communication/Broadcast, Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, Industrial Distribution, International Business

The ESSPS Professional Sales Certificate Program is designed to provide sales representatives and other team members who have a business development responsibility with the background and tools to grow revenues by identifying, understanding, presenting, and securing business in a consultative and collaborative manner. Skills will be strengthened using a combination of online lecture captures, hands-on exercises, and web-based role playing.

#### AUBURN UNIVERSITY

<http://business.auburn.edu/academics/undergraduate/marketing>

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970-219-5612

Students: 275  
Start Year: 2013  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): **UCO, ET**  
Focus Option(s): International Business

Many of the students obtain training in real property sales or supply chain sales. There is a 20 year veteran marketing manager in industrial marketing from Rheem teaching Business-to-Business Marketing.

#### AURORA UNIVERSITY

<http://www.aurora.edu/academics/undergraduate/professional-selling/index.html>

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Dunham School of Business  
Aurora, IL 60506  
630-844-5527

Students: 50  
Start Year: 2008  
Accreditation(s): American Marketing Assn.  
Program Type(s): **UEM, UMN**

The professional selling minor at AU is designed for students who are interested in developing stronger sales and prospecting skills, including tools for motivation and effective selling systems. The minor provides focused coursework to enhance other business majors or add another skill set to a major outside the business school.

#### BALL STATE UNIVERSITY

[www.bsu.edu/salescenter](http://www.bsu.edu/salescenter)

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Center for Professional Selling  
Muncie, IN 47306  
765-285-5136

Students: 250  
Start Year: 1996  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, GSSI, USCA full member, PSE  
Program Type(s): **UMJ, UMN, GCE, GF**

Focus Option(s): Communication/Broadcast, Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, Insurance, International Business, Medical/healthcare Sales, Technology

Students sell products and/or create sales technology tools for actual clients (for profit and non-profit organizations). They take a sales technology course that incorporates CRM and gives special attention to understanding and working with various sales metrics (using Excel). Ball State hosts an annual sales competition. Currently, students may complete part of the program on-line. Soon the entire program will be available on-line.

#### BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

[www.baylor.edu/business/selling](http://www.baylor.edu/business/selling)

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Students: 449  
Start Year: 1985  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, USCA  
full member, PSE, AMA Sales SIG, AMS, GSSI  
Program Type(s): **UEM, UMJ**

The oldest collegiate sales center in the nation, Baylor's Center for Professional Selling prepares students for lives of impact. With a comprehensive sales curriculum delivered in classes with 20-30 students, an intentional college-to-career strategy, and a unique collaborative culture, students in Baylor ProSales leave campus ready to make a difference, wherever they're called to serve.

#### BENTLEY UNIVERSITY

[www.bentley.edu](http://www.bentley.edu)

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Students: 90  
Start Year: 2014  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, EQUIS  
Program Type(s): **UMJ**  
Focus Option(s): Entrepreneurship, Technology

The program's Professional Sales major develops critical knowledge and perspective in the fields of revenue generation, business development and sales management, while nurturing an understanding of the role sales plays within an organization. This strategic mastery is coupled with pragmatic expertise, ultimately translating into success in the employment marketplace.

## UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON FOSTER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS Professional Sales Program



Deontae Cooper, Sales Program Graduate, speaks at Business Partner Appreciation Breakfast

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Real World Application

For More Information:

[foster.uw.edu/professionalsalesprogram](http://foster.uw.edu/professionalsalesprogram)

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#### BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

<http://www.bloomu.edu/marketing-sales>

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Students: 60  
Start Year: 2015  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, USCA  
Associate Member, PSE  
Program Type(s): **UMN, USP**

Students in the Marketing and Sales specialization at Bloomsburg University complete 21 credits in Marketing and 18 credits in Sales courses as well as the Business CORE. Along with the professional development program graduates are well prepared to move up quickly in a professional sales career. The Sales Minor is targeted toward non-business majors and consists of 24 credits that are largely sales focused with some marketing coursework.

#### BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

[www.bgsu.edu/business/marketing](http://www.bgsu.edu/business/marketing)

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Bowling Green, OH 43403  
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Students: 100  
Start Year: 2002  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): **USP**  
Focus Option(s): Entrepreneurship, Insurance, Service Marketing

Certificates in Professional Selling are awarded by the Institute for Excellence in Services. The University sends students to the National Collegiate Sales Competition each year.

#### BRADLEY UNIVERSITY

[www.bradley.edu/academic/departments/marketing/programs/sales/](http://www.bradley.edu/academic/departments/marketing/programs/sales/)

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Students: 70  
Start Year: 2004  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, USCA  
full member  
Program Type(s): **UCO, UMN**

The program offers small classes that emphasize "hands on" training and coaching from faculty, multiple role plays, along with extensive feedback and analysis of role plays in order to build sales skills.

#### BRIGHTMAN YOUNG UNIVERSITY

<https://www.byu.edu/>

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Students: 50  
Start Year: 2017  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): **UEM**  
Focus Option(s): Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, Industrial Distribution, Medical/Healthcare, Technology

Students have shadowing experiences as well as consult a firm on a sales force plan.

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

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Burnaby, BC, Canada, V5G 3H2  
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Students: 50  
Start Year: 1980  
Accreditation(s): ACBSP  
Program Type(s): **USP**

The intensity of the program with its focus on applied practical skill development has helped build the reputation of BCIT's Professional Sales program. Students have 24 hours of lecture or lab time per week on average, with each year comprised of 35 weeks of scheduled classes.

#### BRYANT UNIVERSITY

<http://misc.bryant.edu/>

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Students: 60  
Start Year: 2013  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, GSSI, PSE  
Program Type(s): **UEM, UMN, ET**

Focus Option(s): Communication/Broadcast Sales, Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, Industrial Distribution, International Business, Medical/healthcare, Technology  
Bryant hosts the Northeast Intercollegiate Sales Competition (NISC), held annually. Students compete in a sales competition, elevator pitch competition, and social media competition. Employers provide immediate, individualized feedback to competitors. The program trains students in improv to enable them to adapt to the constantly changing selling environment.

#### BUTLER UNIVERSITY

[www.butler.edu](http://www.butler.edu)

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Andre B. Lacy School of Business  
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Students: 45  
Start Year: 1993  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): **UCO**  
Focus Option(s): Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, Industrial Distribution, Insurance, International Business, Medical/healthcare Sales, Technology

All students are required to take two internships. The Lacy School of Business is the only business school in the country that requires two internships. In September of 2016 the Lacy School was recognized by Bloomberg Business as having the top internship program in the country.

#### CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO

<http://www.csuchico.edu/sales>

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530-898-3840

Students: 200  
Start Year: 2008  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, PSE, USCA full member  
Program Type(s): **UCE**  
Focus Option(s): Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, Insurance, International Business, Technology

Operating from new facilities in Glenn Hall, the Seufferlein Sales Program offers a wide range of educational and professional networking opportunities. The program hosts two internal sales competitions (Sweet 16 Sales Challenge & Spring 12 Competition) and one external competition (Western States Collegiate Sales Competition). The program also offers new courses in Sales Role Playing and Customer Relationship Management.

#### CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON

[www.CSUFsalesleadership.com](http://www.CSUFsalesleadership.com)

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Students: 125  
Start Year: 2008  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, USCA full member, PSE

Program Type(s): **UCE, UEM**  
Focus Option(s): Communication/Broadcast Sales, Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, Industrial Distribution, Insurance, International Business, Medical/Healthcare Sales, Technology

The Sales Leadership Center is dedicated to promoting leadership and professionalism in the field of sales at Cal State Fullerton, Mihaylo College of Business and Economics. World-class education is offered inside a new state-of-the-art facility. A new, virtual sales lab was launched in 2013. The Center offers scholarships and career development programs.

#### CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

[www.cmich.edu](http://www.cmich.edu)

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Students: 250  
Start Year: 2008  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, GSSI, PSE  
Program Type(s): **UCO, UMN**  
Focus Option(s): Communication/Broadcast Sales

The CMU Professional Sales program partners with Carew International, a nationally prominent sales training and consulting organization with a 40-year history in sales and sales-leadership development, to provide an innovative curriculum that delivers real world results.

#### CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

<https://www.clemson.edu/business/departments/marketing/sales-program/index.html>

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Students: 120  
Start Year: 2009  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UCE

Students completing the sales certificate are provided with real-world experience, foundational role-play exercises and leadership opportunities. Professors blend theory and application in the program while also ensuring frequent interaction with industry executives.

**CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY**  
https://www.csuohio.edu/business/sales/bernie-moreno-center-for-sales-excellence

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Students: 30  
Start Year: 2017  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UCE

This program puts emphasis on hands-on data analysis and interpretation, Corporate engagement leading to experiential learning, recruitment, and collaboration on impactful research.

**THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY**  
http://business.pages.tcnj.edu/departments-programs/management-marketing-interdisciplinary-business/

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Students: 55  
Start Year: 2005  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, PSE  
Program Type(s): UMN

TCNJ is ranked by U.S. News & World Report as the number one (masters program) public college in the country's northern region. The TCNJ Business School was ranked 63rd in the nation by Business Week. TCNJ students won first place in the Pi Sigma Epsilon regional sales competition 4 times in the last 5 years and the national sales competition twice in the last 5 years. The TCNJ sales program is one of the few that is housed in a top 100 business school.

**THE COLLEGE OF SAINT ROSE**  
www.strose.edu

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Students: n/a  
Start Year: 2018  
Accreditation(s): ACBSP  
Program Type(s): UCO, UMN

The College of Saint Rose will admit it's first class for this program in the Fall of 2019.

**DEPAUL UNIVERSITY**  
www.saleleadershipcenter.com

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Students: 900  
Start Year: 2005  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, USCA full member, PSE  
Program Type(s): UCO, UMN, GF, ET  
Focus Option(s): Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, Industrial Distribution, Insurance, Medical/healthcare, Technology, Category Management, Sports

Students can prepare themselves for careers in consumer-packaged goods (CPG) sales through participating in the consumer-packaged goods sales track featuring category management classes. Students learn the following technologies, Nielsen and IRI category management suites, JDA space planning and assortment, and Infitnet(Spectra). Students can graduate with over 600 hours of work experience. Placement rates for these students is 100%.

**DOUGLAS COLLEGE**  
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Students: 75-100  
Start Year: 1990  
Accreditation(s): Canadian Professional Sales Association (CPSA), Canadian Society for Marketing Professional Services (CSMPS)  
Program Type(s): UCE, UCO  
Focus Option(s): Financial Services, International Business

Douglas offers three sales courses—Personal Selling, Professional Selling, and Sales Management. The Peter Legge International Institute for Sales Excellence was established in 2012. The Upper Level Sales class involves actual sales activities on behalf of organizations with actual prospects and customers.

**DUBLIN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**  
www.dit.ie

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Students: 115  
Start Year: 1994  
Accreditation(s): Sales Institute of Ireland, AMBA  
Program Type(s): UCE, UMN, GF, EC, ET  
Focus Option(s): Entrepreneurship, International Business

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Marketing, a Master of Science in Marketing or Strategic Management, or an MBA may pursue the Management of Sales elective. The content is taught in an academic and theoretical framework rather than an applied context. The program has a full time executive director that is a corporate liaison.

DIT has a Sales Academy, led by Dr. Anthony Buckley.

**DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY**  
www.duq.edu

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Students: 100  
Start Year: 2012  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, PSE  
Program Type(s): UEM, UMN

Duquesne's professional sales minor demonstrates a commitment to growing sales offerings, supporting both student learning and career opportunities. The program combines fundamental selling principles with negotiation, sales management, and revenue generation courses to develop sales-ready graduates who are well-prepared to meet the demands of the marketplace.

**EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY**  
http://www.ecu.edu/cs-bus/

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Students: 50  
Start Year: 2017  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UCE  
Focus Option(s): Communication/Broadcast Sales, Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, Industrial Distribution, International Business, Technology

The professional selling certificate prepares students to effectively use established sales processes, sales automation tools, and selling techniques. The certificate also prepares students to identify decision makers of prospective buying firms and engage in persuasive communication of the selling firm's value proposition.

**EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY**  
www.eku.edu

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Students: 75  
Start Year: 2016  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UCE  
Focus Option(s): Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, International Business, Technology, Supply Chain Management

The Center for Professional Selling includes lab facilities launched in 2017.

**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**  
https://www.emich.edu/cob/faculty/L\_hershey.php

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Students: 15  
Start Year: 2017  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, USCA associate member  
Program Type(s): UCE

All faculty have industry experience in sales.

**EDINBURGH NAPIER UNIVERSITY**  
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Students: 50  
Start Year: 2011  
Accreditation(s): GSSI, USCA associate member  
Program Type(s): UMN, GCE, GF, EC, ET  
Focus Option(s): Entrepreneurship, International Business

PG Marketing with Sales Management degree Programme (students study Professional Selling and Sales Strategies and International Sales management modules) PG Business management with Sales degree Programme (students study Professional Selling and Sales Strategies and International Sales management modules) MBA (Marketing and Sales) (students study International sales management module) New Online BA Sales Management degree programme is available.

**EINDHOVEN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY**  
www.tue.nl

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Eindhoven, Noord-Brabant  
Netherlands 5612 AS  
0031 (0)402472170

Students: 95 Graduate Students  
Start Year: 2009  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, GSSI  
Program Type(s): GF, ET  
Focus Option(s): Entrepreneurship, Industrial Distribution, Technology

The strong relationship between research and education within a graduate program ensures that the results of state-of-the-art research are naturally integrated into the education. Moreover, you see the same intrinsic focus in cooperation with industry.

**ELON UNIVERSITY**  
www.elon.edu/salescenter

Raghu Tadepalli, Ph.D.  
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Chandler Family Professional Sales Center  
Elon, NC 27244  
336-278-5968

Students: 132  
Start Year: 2008  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, USCA full member  
Program Type(s): UCO, UMN  
Focus Option(s): Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, Industrial Distribution

Elon has been recognized as a Top Sales Program since 2011. RBI Sales Challenge Speed Selling and Role Play Champion - 2010, 2011, and 2012 and 2013; Overall Team Champion - 2010 and 2012 for RBI Sale Challenge, 2nd place 2013; NIU Competition - 2 finalist, Overall Winner, 2011; Overall Individual Champion at Wisconsin Eau-Claire, 2014 Finalist; and 1st Place in the BSU Regional Sales Competition, 2015.

**EURIDIS BUSINESS SCHOOL**  
www.euridis-ecole.com

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Students: 100  
Start Year: 1998  
Accreditation(s): National Accreditation of the French Ministry of Education  
Program Type(s): UCE, GCE, ECE  
Focus Option(s): Communication/Broadcast Sales, Entrepreneurship, Industrial Distribution, International Business, Technology

All students follow a work-study program organized by the school where they spend 1 week in school and then 3 weeks working in a sales role within a company that in turn pays for the tuition—most of the faculty staff are experienced B2B sales professionals.

**FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY**  
http://www.ferris.edu/

Barb Barney-McNamara  
barbarabarney@ferris.edu  
Grand Rapids, MI 49307  
231-591-2445

Students: 200  
Start Year: 1998  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UCE, UMN  
Focus Option(s): Industrial Distribution, Technology

Ferris State is expanding their sales offerings, permitting students from various majors to participate. In addition to three sales classes, internship opportunities are growing, providing students with job experience. All students are required to complete an internship prior to graduation.

**FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**  
globalsales.fiu.edu

Nancy Rauseo, D.B.A.  
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Miami, FL 33199  
305-348-1929

Students: 400  
Start Year: 2008  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UCE, UMN  
Focus Option(s): Communication/Broadcast Sales, Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, Insurance, International Business, Technology

FIU Sales Society is a student organization focusing on developing sales professionals beyond the classroom and sales experience using our Sales Incubator model. Panther Sales Tournament is held for up to 60 FIU students (with Spanish track). It is a Global Bilingual Sales Competition, inaugural launch in spring 2016, with competition in both Spanish and English.

**FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
www.fsusalesinstitute.com/

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Students: 500  
Start Year: 2008  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, USCA full member  
Program Type(s): UEM, UMJ, UMN, ET  
Focus Option(s): Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, Industrial Distribution, Insurance, International Business, Medical/healthcare Sales, Technology, Sports Management

The nationally recognized and award winning sales major currently has approximately 500 students, offering an undergraduate degree in Marketing, with a major in Professional Sales and a certificate in Sales Management. The sales program is part of the FSU Sales Institute, which is responsible for sales-related research and executive training programs. FSU also offers a Ph.D. in Marketing with a focus in sales and sales management research.

**GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY**  
http://cob.georgiasouthern.edu/cse/

Dr. Linda Greef Mullen  
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Statesboro, GA 30460  
912-536-3597

Students: 80  
Start Year: 2006  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, USCA full member, PSE  
Program Type(s): UEM  
Focus Option(s): Communication/Broadcast Sales, Entrepreneurship, Financial services, Insurance, International Business, Technology,

Logistics and Intermodal Transportation

Georgia Southern University is a public, Carnegie Doctoral/Research university. Their concentration in Sales & Sales Management is a key area of distinction. It reflects the University's culture of engagement that bridges theory with practice, extends the learning environment beyond the classroom, and promotes student growth and life success. GSU is the only university to award Huthwaite's Academic SPIN Selling Certification.

**GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
http://gsu.edu

Carolyn Curasi or Bruce Piling  
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Robinson College of Business  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
404-413-7650

Students: 125  
Start Year: 2007  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UCE, UCO, GC, ET  
Focus Option(s): Communication/Broadcast Sales, Entrepreneurship, International Business

Distinguishing characteristics of this program include a skills-based class teaching role playing, corporate oral and written team presentations, direct mail techniques in selling, detailed learning modules with an emphasis on interactive learning.

**HAAGA-HELIA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES**  
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Helsinki, Finland 520  
+358 40 488 7066

Students: 40  
Start Year: 2007  
Accreditation(s): GSSI  
Program Type(s): GC  
Focus Option(s): International Business

Students pursue a Bachelor of Science in Professional Sales. The focus in the studies is on solution sales and on the business to business environment. The content is taught by combining theory and practice. As free choice studies students can take a class in which they are coached for the national sales competition. HAAGA-HELIA organizes the Best Seller Competition every other year.

**HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY**  
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High Point, NC 27262  
336-884-2714

Students: 250  
Start Year: 2014  
Accreditation(s): SACS  
Program Type(s): UMJ, UMN, GF, ET  
Focus Option(s): Communication/Broadcast Sales, Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, Insurance, International Business, Medical/healthcare, Technology

The program offers Extraordinary Learning Lab spaces. There is emphasis from the President to require EVERY University student to take at least one Sales course.

**HODGES UNIVERSITY**  
www.hodges.edu

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Naples, FL 34119  
239-598-6138

Students: 13  
Start Year: 2016  
Accreditation(s): IACBE  
Program Type(s): UCE, UMJ, UMN

The Johnson School of Business has partnered with the local employer, Gartner, for internship and job placement opportunities. Gartner provides other support for curriculum review, program and course learning outcomes as well as role playing exercises. Along with Gartner, other major employers such as Naples Daily News partner for supporting the program and curriculum. The adjunct professors from different sales background make a big difference to provide a rich and applied learning.

**HUSSON UNIVERSITY**  
www.husson.edu

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Bangor, ME 04401  
207-659-6551

Students: 18  
Start Year: 2014

Accreditation(s): IACBE  
Program Type(s): UCE, UCO, ET  
The Sales Certificate includes four courses and a required internship. Strategic selling is the emphasis of this program.

**ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY**  
http://www.cob.ilstu.edu/profsales/  
Michael C. Boehm  
mboehm@ilstu.edu  
Normal, IL 61790  
309-438-2954

Students: 280  
Start Year: 1998  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, USCA full member, PSE

Program Type(s): UCE, UMJ, ET  
Focus Option(s): Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, Insurance, International Business, Technology  
ISU students learn how to deliver a company's "value proposition". The sales faculty collaborates together and delivers a consistent message to students throughout all seven courses. Sales students gain invaluable B2B & B2C experiences in addition to summer internships with on-campus selling opportunities within our Athletic department, our alumni foundation and sales roles at both the campus radio/TV ad department and the Daily Vidette student newspaper (annual sales revenue is just over \$900,000)!

**INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
www.indstate.edu/business/sales  
David Fleming, Ph.D.  
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Scott College of Business  
Terre Haute, IN 47809  
812-264-1075

Students: 150  
Start Year: 2010  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, USCA full member  
Program Type(s): UCE, UCO, UMN  
Focus Option(s): Financial Services, Insurance

The tag line for Indiana State University is "There's more to Blue." This is carried out within the sales program through a strong focus on experiential learning. Sales students use the sales recording capabilities to complete skill practice exercises and receive formative feedback on their performance, with a goal of improving skills. Sales students develop their sales skills "more," so they can serve clients "more," and can provide "more" value to their employers sooner after graduation.

**INDIANA UNIVERSITY**  
www.kelley.iu.edu/globalsales  
Dr. Charles Ragland  
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Kelley School of Business  
Bloomington, IN 47405  
812-856-1084

Students: 250  
Start Year: 1996  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, USCA full member, GSSI, PSE  
Program Type(s): UMJ

Home of The National Team Selling Competition. Student teams participate in multiple role play format that explores the complex, value added sales process.

Each team is given a case that is developed, role-played, and judged by corporate sponsors. Twenty-one universities participate, sending five students and one coach. It teaches professionalism and sales skills, involving corporate sponsors in all of its activities. Offers major in professional sales and double major in professional sales and marketing.

**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
https://www.business.iastate.edu/undergraduate/majors-minors/marketing/  
Raj Agnihotri  
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Ames, IA 50014  
515-294-0475

Students: 200  
Start Year: 2018  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UCE

This new program has four tenure track/tenured faculty members who conduct sales research. Out of these, three tenure track professors teach sales classes. There is also a PQ faculty member, full time who teaches sales classes. In the new building extension, space has been allocated for dedicated sales labs as well as conference rooms. Ivy Sales Consortium will have its own physical space.

**JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY**  
http://www.jmu.edu/cob/marketing/center-for-professional-sales/index.shtml  
Richard Tate  
taterm@jmu.edu  
Harrisonburg, VA 22807  
540-532-3233

Students: 150  
Start Year: 2014  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, GSSI, USCA full member, PSE  
Program Type(s): UCE, UCO  
Focus Option(s): Entrepreneurship

The mission of the Center for Professional Sales at James Madison University is to position the JMU College of Business as one of the leading institutes in undergraduate sales education, to promote professional selling as a rewarding lifelong career, to increase the visibility of JMU Marketing students to corporate partners, and to conduct research that advances the field of sales..

**JUSTUS LIEBIG UNIVERSITY**  
www.sales-research.net  
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Giessen, Germany 35394  
0049-641-9922401

Students: 30  
Start Year: 2013  
Accreditation(s): USCA full member  
Program Type(s): UCE, UCO, GF

JLU combines a broad and interdisciplinary spectrum of research and teaching in the areas of law, economics and business studies, the natural sciences, and the humanities with a range of sub-disciplines that is unique for Germany.

**KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY**  
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Students: 250  
Start Year: 2010  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, GSSI, USCA full member, PSE  
Program Type(s): UCE, UEM, UMJ

The National Strategic Selling Institute celebrates the sales profession each year with K-State Sales Week, a week-long event that includes a sales competition, professional development events, career fair, and keynote speakers. Each spring the NSSI hosts a Benefit Auction to raise funds for sales student merit awards and a local charity; the auction is student-run, with students making sales calls (phone and F2F) to find auction items and sell tickets. Each year it nets approximately \$11,000 and develops students' selling skills.

**KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY**  
http://coles.kennesaw.edu/cps  
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Coles College of Business  
Kennesaw, GA 30144  
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Students: 250  
Start Year: 1988  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, USCA full member, GSSI, PSE  
Program Type(s): UCO, UCE, UMJ, UMN, ET  
Focus Option(s): Entrepreneurship, International Business

Host of the National Collegiate Sales Competition (NCSC): the oldest and longest running, Collegiate Sales Competition in the U.S. The NCSC has directly contributed more than \$5 million to university sales education since its inception. One of the oldest sales programs in the U.S. with a Sales Major offered continuously since 1989. Founding Member of the University Sales Center Alliance.

**KENT STATE UNIVERSITY**  
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Kent, OH 44242  
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Students: 375  
Start Year: 2009  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, PSE  
Program Type(s): UCE  
Focus Option(s): Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, International Business

The program utilizes a variety of sales experts, primarily from its Sales Advisory Board, to augment the teaching material. KSU Entrepreneurship and Managerial Marketing students receive specialized sales training specific to their major areas of study. The Managerial Marketing program is unique to KSU and structured to develop students with a managerial focus.

**KRISTIANIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**  
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Oslo, Norway 107  
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Students: 400  
Start Year: 2011  
Accreditation(s): NOKUT  
Program Type(s): UMJ

This is a traditional 3 year European Bachelor program with students enrolling from finished high school degrees. The name of the program is "Bachelor in Marketing and Sales management". From our experience in the Sales Educators' Academy it is difficult to fully compare such a program with the American system.

**LA SALLE UNIVERSITY**  
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215-991-3577

Students: 60  
Start Year: 2015  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, USCA-associate member  
Program Type(s): UCE, UEM  
Focus Option(s): Communication/Broadcast Sales, Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, Industrial Distribution, Insurance, International Business, Medical/healthcare Sales, Technology

The program offers a curriculum that is a contemporary blend of theory and real-world practice, reflecting the central Lasallian value of learning by doing. The program also offers students salesforce.com sales representative and sales management training.

**LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
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Baton Rouge, LA 70803  
225-578-8797

Students: 120  
Start Year: 2014  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, PSE  
Program Type(s): UCO

This program is highly focused on internships and the Sale Practicum class in order to develop skill sets for real-world selling.

**MARIAN UNIVERSITY**  
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Indianapolis, IN 46222  
317-955-6037

Students: 35  
Start Year: 2019  
Accreditation(s): IACBE  
Program Type(s): UCO

The Byrum School of Business is in a brand-new building designed to support our hands-on business program. Students begin practicing the basics of sales and marketing from their first semester of freshman year. For example, in BUS109 (a pre-req course), our

students develop a small business plan and pitch it to actual investors. Winning teams run their small business on-campus. The three faculty have significant real-world professional sales backgrounds at the executive level.

**MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY**  
www.marquette.edu  
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Milwaukee, WI 53201  
414-288-8052

Students: 35  
Start Year: 2015  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UEM  
Focus Option(s): Industrial Distribution, Medical/healthcare Sales, Technology, University & Professional Team Sales

Access to a large alumni network for internships and careers, second course allows students to sell tickets for either the Milwaukee Bucks or Marquette Basketball.

**METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER**  
www.msudenver.edu/center-for-professional-selling  
April Schofield  
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Denver, CO 80110  
303-615-0520

Students: 130  
Start Year: 2012  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, USCA associate member  
Program Type(s): UCE, UMN

Modules include Dress for Success; video role plays; case studies; guest speakers from partner companies; sales specific job fairs/Meet and Greet; career assessments; students sell tickets for professional sport teams; only Sales Center in Colorado.

**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**  
http://salesleader.msu.edu  
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East Lansing, MI 48824  
517-355-9659

Students: 120  
Start Year: 2009  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, USCA associate member, PSE  
Program Type(s): UCO, UMN, ET  
Focus Option(s): Communication/broadcast Sales, Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, Insurance, International Business, Medical/healthcare, Technology  
The Sales Leadership Minor at MSU is the only program in the country that combines the efforts of two nationally-ranked Colleges, the Eli Broad College of Business and the College of Communication Arts and Sciences.

**MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY**  
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Springfield, MO 65897  
417-836-5494  
Students: 150  
Start Year: 2005



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- Company Informationals
- Texas A&M Collegiate Sales Competition

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Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UCO, UMN  
Missouri State takes pride in application. The university provides students with an abundance of face time with professional salespeople from the business community.

**MOREHOUSE COLLEGE**  
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Atlanta, GA 30314-3773  
470-639-0587

Students: 16  
Start Year: 2014  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UMN  
The program is introducing students to Salesforce.com as a sales tool and encouraging them to get Admin certified. A give-back sales project in the Principles of Professional Selling class is required. Speakers each semester will be in the areas of the majors of the students in the sales classes. Ex: science major can expect a speaker in a science-related sales position. The goal is for this interdisciplinary minor to show students that their major can also be utilized in a sales role.

**NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY**  
<http://www.nicholls.edu/marketing/professional-sales-initiative/>

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Thibodaux, LA 70310  
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Students: 20  
Start Year: 2003  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UCO  
Focus Option(s): Financial Services  
This program utilizes a professional, corporate-style training facility including five role-play rooms that are used to enhance the sales and behavioral skills of students in the program. This facility is also used for the Annual Bayou Sales Challenge, a regional intercollegiate sales role-play competition hosted by the College of Business at Nicholls each spring. Nicholls also has a cross-disciplinary degree program with Finance to prepare students for a career in Financial Services Marketing.

**NORTH CAROLINA A&T STATE UNIVERSITY**  
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Students: 50  
Start Year: 2005  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UCE, UCO, UMN

NCA&TSU is a Historically Black University offering a concentration and a minor in Professional Selling within the Bachelor of Science in marketing program. It offers a professional networking and role-practice facility used to enhance the sales and behavioral skills of students in the program. NCA&TSU is attracting various majors within and outside of the business schools to obtain the minor. Many students are selected for internships in the renowned 3M Frontline Sales Program.

**NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
<http://www.ndsu.edu/business/>  
[http://www.ndsu.edu/mgmt\\_mkt/sales/](http://www.ndsu.edu/mgmt_mkt/sales/)  
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 Fargo, ND 58102  
701-231-5848

Students: 63  
Start Year: 2013  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, USCA  
Program Type(s): UCE  
As the only academic center dedicated to developing the sales skills of North Dakota's students, NDSU's Center for Professional Selling and Sales Technology offers a certificate in professional selling that enables students across the university to develop their sales competencies. The Center

combines a highly-engaged advisory committee, a group of committed corporate partners with an academically qualified teaching staff possessing industry experience.

**NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY**  
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928-523-7369

Students: 75  
Start Year: 2015  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UCE, UCO  
Sales classes are available to students pursuing a professional selling concentration within the marketing major or a certificate to non-marketing majors. As a Salesforce.com Academic Alliance partner, the program emphasizes CRM as a strategy and delivers Salesforce.com vendor approved training to students in the Sales Strategy and Technology class.

**NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**  
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Chuck Howlett  
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DeKalb, IL 60115  
815-753-6219

Students: 350  
Start Year: 1988  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, USCA full member, PSE, GSSI  
Program Type(s): UCE

Founded in 1988, NIU was one of the original sales programs in the country and the only one to publish a journal (Journal of Selling), that bridges sales theory and practice. Students gain sales expertise via pre-call plans, constant role plays both in the principles and advanced sales classes, negotiations, shadow days, and an inside-sales call center with state-of-the-art software and curriculum.

**NORTHWEST UNIVERSITY**  
<http://www.northwestu.edu/academics/professional-sales/>  
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Kirkland, WA 98033  
425-889-5290

Students: 20  
Start Year: 2014  
Accreditation(s): Accreditation Council for Business Schools  
Program Type(s): UCO, UMN  
A sales focus in any field will help the student improve their career options and opportunities. The concentration in Professional Sales is designed to help the student prepare for positions in sales and customer service. Activities are grounded in practical exercises of B2B selling, focusing on solution selling, role play, and challenger sales. A sales internship is included in the Professional Sales concentration program.

**OHIO UNIVERSITY**  
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740-593-9328

Students: 600  
Start Year: 1997  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, SMT  
Program Type(s): UCE, GF, EC, ET  
Established by the Ohio University Board of Trustees in 1997 as one of the first ten collegiate sales programs in the country, the Schey Sales Centre's unique combination of: 1. Inside the classroom, real sales readiness training curriculum; 2. Outside the classroom self-discovery, personal growth and professional development; and 3. Practical experience helping run the Centre as a small "business" gives students a "fair-unfair" advantage getting the best sales jobs upon graduation and jump starts successful careers.

**PLYMOUTH STATE UNIVERSITY**  
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Plymouth, NH 03264  
603-854-0886  
Students: 200  
Start Year: 2009  
Accreditation(s): USCA associate member

Program Type(s): UMN, UCE  
Focus Option(s): Medical/healthcare Sales

The program has a Sales Advisory Board made of 20 companies who represent IMM employees in aggregate. They meet on campus and provide advice on our curriculum to keep it relevant and cutting edge. For example, 10% of a student's grade in Sales I is based on their LinkedIn profile. They also help with sales internships, mentoring and networking events. Students in Professional Sales II make out-going new business development calls both in person and on the phone.

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY**  
[www.purdue.edu/proselling](http://www.purdue.edu/proselling)  
Dr. Anita Dale  
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West Lafayette, IN 47907-2060  
765-494-4860

Students: 250  
Start Year: 2010  
Accreditation(s): USCA associate member  
Program Type(s): UMI, ET  
Focus Option(s): Communication/Broadcast Sales, Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, Hospitality  
The program focuses on quantity and quality by providing 19 custom-tailored Sales Competitions per year that are sponsored by corporate Partners and delivered on the Purdue campus. The Purdue Center for Professional Selling enhances and extends what is learned in the sales classrooms with practical experiences, enabling students to contribute faster and more meaningfully in their internships and jobs.

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY NORTHWEST**  
[www.pnw.edu](http://www.pnw.edu)  
Claudia Mich  
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Hammond, IN 46323  
219-989-2776

Students: 45  
Start Year: 2016  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UMN  
Focus Option(s): Communication/Broadcast Sales  
Faculty members are focused on student success and represent a diverse blend of scholars and distinguished business professionals who bring real-world experience to the classroom. Our location in the Northwest Indiana/Chicago corridor serves as a dynamic learning laboratory for the College. And the curriculum in the program is continuously updated to reflect recent trends in the global business world.

**REUTLINGEN UNIVERSITY**  
[www.esb-business-school.de](http://www.esb-business-school.de)  
Dr. Tobias Schuetz  
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ESB Business School Reutlingen  
Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany  
72762  
+49 (7121) 271 3099  
Students: 21  
Start Year: 2011



### Training sales talent to generate revenue from day one

The Professional Sales Forum aims to fill the gap in professional sales recruitment by connecting top companies with emerging sales talent. Established in 2017, our growth has skyrocketed and our numbers speak for themselves:

- 25 corporate sponsors
- 500 students enrolled in program courses
- 75 in-class visits by our partners
- 4 Forum Conferences
- 200 students competed in local & national competitions
- 80 full time hires for our partners

Want to accelerate your organization's revenue from day one?  
Contact: Tom Van Dorselaer, Executive Director  
[tvandors@utk.edu](mailto:tvandors@utk.edu)

Accreditation(s): FIBAA  
Program Type(s): GCE  
Focus Option(s): Information Technology

The programme is dedicated to young professionals who work and study at the same time. Prerequisite for the enrollment is a reduced contract of employment (75%) with a major company in the field of sales for complex B2B products and business solutions (mostly but not exclusively IBM and HP).

**RYERSON UNIVERSITY**  
[ryerson.ca/tedrogersschool/htm](http://ryerson.ca/tedrogersschool/htm)  
Karen Peesker  
[karen.peesker@ryerson.ca](mailto:karen.peesker@ryerson.ca)  
Ted Rogers School of Management  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5B 2K3  
647 960 8803

Students: 55  
Start Year: 2018  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UMN  
Focus Option(s): Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, International Business, Technology, Tourism & Hospitality

Applied professional skills are developed throughout research assignments, tutorials, case studies, simulations, an internship course and off-campus applied projects.  
**SALISBURY UNIVERSITY**  
<http://www.salisbury.edu/masmi>  
Dr. Amit Poddar  
[axpoddar@salisbury.edu](mailto:axpoddar@salisbury.edu)  
Perdue School of Business  
Salisbury, MD 21801

410-548-7756  
Students: 115  
Start Year: 2015  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, USCA full member  
Program Type(s): UMN  
Students are required to do a mandatory Internship in Sales. The internship is a faculty supervised internship.

**SAMFORD UNIVERSITY**  
<http://samford.edu/business/professional-sales-concentration>  
C. Clifton Eason  
[eason@samford.edu](mailto:eason@samford.edu)  
Birmingham, AL 35229  
205-726-2677

Students: 36  
Start Year: 2015  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UCO  
The program prides itself on the low faculty-student ratio and its ability to connect students with quality internships, mentors, and job providers. There is also a very enthusiastic Advisory Board, comprised of distinguished sales professionals, for the program.

**SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
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Dr. Rich Campbell  
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Rohnert Park, CA 94928  
707-664-2377

Students: 15  
Start Year: 2013  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UCE

## AT TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY OUR MISSION IS CLEAR!

Texas State wants to be one of the world's leading professional sales programs focused on sales education, research and industry collaboration.

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### POINTS OF PRIDE:

- ▶ Strong innovative curriculum
- ▶ Bi-annual Interview Express event
- ▶ 60+ professional selling ambassadors
- ▶ Career Closet
- ▶ Successful sales internship program
- ▶ Award-winning student teams



Accreditation(s): USCA  
associate member  
Program Type(s): **UMJ, UMN**  
Focus Option(s): Medical/  
Healthcare Sales

The program makes extensive use of assessment measures to help students identify characteristics on which to build. The program is highly personalized and experiential and is designed to ensure our graduates are well prepared to enter the workforce.

**ST. CATHERINE UNIVERSITY**  
www.stkate.edu/sales

Mary Jacobs  
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St. Paul, MN 55105  
651-690-8762

Students: 40  
Start Year: 1998  
Accreditation(s): USCA associate  
member, PSE  
Program Type(s): **UCE, UMJ, UMN,**  
**EC, ET**

Focus Option(s): Entrepreneurship,  
Medical/Healthcare Sales

Students have minimum 6 hours personal interaction with sales professionals. Students are certified using Speak Easy software, learning the skills of making outbound sales calls. Students are required to complete a Business Practicum class before graduation.

**ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY**  
www.stcloudstate.edu/mkbl/  
programs.asp

Dennis Bristow; Rajesh Gulati  
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St. Cloud, MN 56301-4498  
320-308-2057

Students: 70  
Start Year: 2013  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, PSE  
Program Type(s): **USP**

The program features the Northwest Mutual Sales lab and emphasizes experiential learning via in-house sales competitions and shadowing of sales people and sales managers.

**STETSON UNIVERSITY**  
http://www.stetson.edu/business/  
sales/index.php

John Riggs  
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Deland, FL 32723  
386-822-7363

Students: 100  
Start Year: 2017  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): **UMN, UMJ**

The program was made possible by a donation from Stetson alumnus, Leopoldo Fernandez, in honor of his father, Genaro Fernandez Centurion. Leo Fernandez graduated in 1973 from the Stetson University School of Business Administration. He is the only entrepreneur in the Spanish market to lead two companies, Jazztel and Tele-Pizza, from start-up, or from near bankruptcy, into the IBEX 35.

This highly interactive course will guide participants through the entire sales process and incorporates the modern method of consultative/solutions selling.

**SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE  
UNIVERSITY**

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Micheline Anstey  
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Manchester, NH 03106  
603-668-2211

Students: 60  
Start Year: 2013  
Accreditation(s): NEASC  
Program Type(s): **UCE, UMN**

As a general education course, Professional Selling attracts students from all majors. Students participate in real world selling projects and network with distinguished sales professionals from the community. Students participate in live, video-taped role plays critiqued by both sales faculty and sales practitioners. Although there is a selective process for those wishing to minor in Professional Sales, all are strongly encouraged to become a member of the SNHU Student Professional Selling Association.

**ST. AMBROSE UNIVERSITY**  
www.sau.edu

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Davenport, IA 52803  
563-333-5825

Students: 15  
Start Year: 2016

**TEMPLE UNIVERSITY**  
http://www.fox.temple.edu/  
cms\_academics/dept/marketing-  
supply-chain-management/  
Mary Conran  
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Fox School of Business & Management  
Philadelphia, PA 19122  
215-204-8152

Students: 75  
Start Year: 2012  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): **UMN, UMJ**  
Focus Option(s): Entrepreneurship,  
Financial Services, Insurance,  
International Business

Sales students are encouraged to participate in Professional Development through PSO (Professional Selling Organization). Fox's PSO offers professional sales training and hands-on role-play experience to fully understand and appreciate the nuances of the sales process.

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**  
http://mays.tamu.edu/  
professional-selling-initiative/

Andrew Loring  
aloring@mays.tamu.edu  
College Station, TX 77843  
979-845-2958

Students: 120  
Start Year: 2014  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, PSE,  
USCA associate member  
Program Type(s): **UCO**

This program hosts its own Sales Competition with students from the Business School, Agriculture School and Industrial Distribution program.

**TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY**  
http://txstsalescenter.com/  
Vicki West  
vw03@txstate.edu

McCoy College of Business  
San Marcos, TX 78666  
512-245-3224

Students: 175  
Start Year: 2012  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, USCA full  
member, GSSI  
Program Type(s): **UCO**

The program has a very strong and active corporate partners' program. It also has professional selling student ambassadors. Industry days are a new edition to the program, and some of the corporate partners participate in Business Leadership Week. The program has a founding alumni advisory board of directors representing sales executives from around the country, and is also participating in research projects with our corporate partners.

**THE CITADEL**  
www.citadel.edu

Bob Riggie  
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Charleston, SC 29409  
843-953-6978

Students: 35  
Start Year: 2013  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, PSE  
Program Type(s): **UMJ**

The program is up and coming. Student placement is consistently improving, and the program is

forging new relationships with companies every day. The cadets are hard workers and faculty strives daily to find new and different ways to challenge them.

**TURKU UNIVERSITY  
OF APPLIED SCIENCES**  
www.turkuamk.fi

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Students: 70  
Start Year: 2008  
Accreditation(s): GSSI, Ministry  
of Education

Program Type(s): **UCE, UMJ, UMN**  
Focus Option(s): Financial Services,  
Industrial Distribution, Insurance,  
International Business, Real Estate,  
Technology

The project is developing a new type of sales training concept where higher education institutions and companies are in close collaboration to develop sales know-how. The objective is a system extending to all of Europe, with companies joining in at all stages of sales training: planning, implementation and evaluation of the skills of students.

**TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY**  
www.tuskegee.edu/

Anthony Freeman  
afreeman@mytu.tuskegee.edu  
Andrew F. Brimmer College of  
Business and Information Sciences  
Tuskegee, AL 36088  
334-727-8707

Students: 75  
Start Year: 1996  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, PSE  
Program Type(s): **UCE, UMJ**

Students receive CRM training. Salesforce is the CRM platforms of choice. Sales Internships are provided by 3M, Altria, Graybar, Edward Jones, Otis Elevators-United Technologies, Rockwell Collins, P&G, and many others. Students receive SAP training. SAP GUI.

**UNIVERSIDAD DE CHILE**  
http://unegocios.uchile.cl

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Students: 30 graduate students  
Start Year: 2000  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): **GE, GF, ET**

The Center for Management & Corporate Development (Centro de desarrollo gerencial) has as its mission to provide educational solutions to executives in Latin American organizations to maximize the human capital involved in their professional and business activities, thus increasing their contribution of value to the environment in the long term. 100% of the faculty has over 15 years of working experience as managers or VP level (practitioners).

**UNIVERSITA BOCCONI**  
www.sdabocconi.it

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Milano, Italy 20136  
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Students: 80  
Start Year: 2003  
Accreditation(s): UEM, GF, ET  
Program Type(s): **UEM, GF, ET**  
Focus Option(s): Industrial  
Distribution, Technology

Sales strategy focus is on consultative selling in the B2B marketplace, and channel management (B2B2B or B2B2C). Sales Management covers strategy of organization; recruitment; development; incentive; etc. Sales skills focus on essential consultative skills.

**UNIVERSITY CLERMONT  
AUVERGNE**

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Pascal Brassier  
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Clermont-Ferrand  
Auvergne, France 63008  
0033 4 73 17 78 04

Students: 130  
Start Year: 2017  
Accreditation(s): GSSI, IAE  
Network (French Business  
Administration Institutes)  
Program Type(s): **UCO, UMJ, UMN,**  
**USP, GCE, ET**  
Focus Option(s): Entrepreneurship,  
Industrial Distribution, International  
Business, Medical/Healthcare  
Sales, Technology

This program partners with a large network of universities and partner companies around the world promoting internships and study abroad. It has a teaching team renowned for its research and expertise in their discipline.

**UNIVERSITY OF AKRON**  
http://www.fishersalesinstitute.com

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Fisher Institute for Professional Selling  
Akron, OH 44325  
330-972-8084

Students: 240  
Start Year: 1992  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, USCA  
full member, PSE  
Program Type(s): **UCE, UMJ,**  
**UMN, EC, ET**  
Focus Option(s): Entrepreneurship,  
Financial Services, International  
Business, Medical/Healthcare  
Sales, Technology

Founded in 1992, the Fisher Institute for Professional Selling is the 2nd oldest university Sales Program in the world. It has 32 Corporate Partners at three different levels of engagement and related benefits. The Fisher supports a Major, Minor, and Certificate in Professional Sales, and is the only Sales Program in the world to offer customized Sales Certificates in Health Care Selling and Engineering/Technical Sales.

**UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA**  
www.uasalesprogram.com

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## We empower women to succeed.

At the University of Cincinnati, our female Professional Selling course empowers women to succeed by building resilience, conquering fear of failure and increasing confidence in their sales ability.

Learn how you can get involved:  
UC Center for Professional Selling  
Jennifer Barlow, 513-556-7375  
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business.uc.edu/womeninsales

University of  
**CINCINNATI** | CARL H. LINDNER  
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Culverhouse College of  
Commerce & Business  
Administration  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35406  
205-348-8923

Students: 700  
Start Year: 2007  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): **UCE, UMN, USP,**  
**GE, GF**

The UA Sales Program features a robust Advisory Board of corporate supporter, employers, and mentors that contribute scholarships, jobs and internships, and curriculum tools. There are over 50 live selling projects per year, sponsored by corporate partners. The Program is also augmented by a UA Sales Lab featuring 8 technology-driven training spaces. The Sales Program's student staff includes over 50 graduate and undergraduate students who share in an annual scholarship pool of over \$300,000.

**UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA  
AT BIRMINGHAM**  
www.uab.edu/business/degrees-  
certificates/professional-sales-  
certificate

John Hansen  
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Birmingham, AL 35233  
205-996-2069

Students: 75  
Start Year: 2008  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): **UCE**  
Focus Option(s): Entrepreneurship,

Industrial Distribution, Insurance,  
Medical/Healthcare Sales, Social  
Media

All professors in the program have real world sales, sales management and/or company leadership experience. Sell.Better.Faster (TM) breakfast series feature industry sales leaders. Very dynamic, practitioner oriented program.

**UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES  
IN WIENER NEUSTADT**

http://www.fhwn.ac.at/en/FHWN/  
Organisational-Units/Departments/  
Market-Communication-and-Sales  
Dr. Karl Pinczolics  
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Wiener Neustadt, Austria A-2700  
0043 2622 89 084 ext 311

Students: 381  
Start Year: 1994  
Accreditation(s): GSSI, AASE  
Academic Association of Sales  
Engineering  
Program Type(s): **UMJ, USP, GF,**  
**EC, ET**

Focus Option(s): Financial Services,  
International Business, Medical/  
Healthcare Sales, Technology

The program aims to combine academic studies with a more practical orientated education, which would be specifically suited to the business and technology sectors of today. With the establishment of the bachelor and master programs in business consultancy with focus in sales the University hopes to further its reputation and international connections, as

well as provide students with the opportunity of a truly unique and international degree.

#### UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK

[www.uarl.edu/selling/](http://www.uarl.edu/selling/)

Dr. Lenita Davis  
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Little Rock, AR 72204-1099  
501-569-8862

Students: 30  
Start Year: 2007  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, GSSI, USCA associate member  
Program Type(s): UCE, UEM, UMN  
Students participate in the program's "Professional Edge" placement activities, including speed mixers and networking events with employers.

#### UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

[www.bus.ucf.edu/marketing](http://www.bus.ucf.edu/marketing)

William Steiger  
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Orlando, FL 32816-1400  
407-823-4586

Students: 34  
Start Year: 2005  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, USCA associate member, SACS  
Program Type(s): UCE, UMJ, UMN

Of the 700 students enrolled in UCF professional selling classes annually, only approximately 30 are admitted into the exclusive Professional Selling Program where each student signs a "Commitment to Sales Professionalism." The UCF program boasts a high-tech sales lab consisting of a main classroom and eight role-play rooms. Each student is assigned a professional sales mentor during each semester in the program.

#### UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL MISSOURI

[www.ucmo.edu/efm/](http://www.ucmo.edu/efm/)

Dr. Charles Schwepker  
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Warrensburg, MO 64093  
660-543-8554

Students: 20  
Start Year: 2008  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UCE, UCO

UCM makes good use of its State Farm Sales Lab by hosting the annual State Farm Marketing and Sales Competition, as well as the Fastenal Sales Competition. All marketing majors and minors complete the Professional Sales course. Students from the sales classes may compete for sales scholarships and the chance to represent the University at the National Collegiate Sales Competition.

#### UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA

[www.uco.edu](http://www.uco.edu)

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Edmond, OK 73034  
405-974-5838

Students: 180  
Start Year: 2009  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, USCA-associate member, AACSCU (American Association of State Colleges and Universities)

Program Type(s): UMJ, UMN  
Focus Option(s): Financial Services, Insurance, Medical/Healthcare Sales  
The program design is focused on learning the application of the sales process and development of the art of the sale. It is the only sales program in Oklahoma's higher learning institutions.

#### UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

<http://business.uc.edu/centers/sales-center.html>

Dr. Jane Sojka  
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Carl H. Lindner College of Business  
Cincinnati, OH 45221-0145  
513-556-7149

Students: 300  
Start Year: 2011  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UCO, UEM, UMN, USP, GCE  
Focus Option(s): Communication/Broadcast Sales, Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, Insurance, Medical/Healthcare Sales

The University of Cincinnati, Lindner College of Business sales program teaches women confidence in their sales ability by overcoming their fear of failure, increasing their resiliency, and having the courage to negotiate. The Lindner College of Business is a major research institution in a metropolitan location, offering sales education from leading researchers and seasoned sales professionals.

#### UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

<http://marketing.business.uconn.edu/undergraduate/professional-sales-leadership/>

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Storrs, CT 06269-1041  
860-951-1775

Students: 75  
Start Year: 2001  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, PSE  
Program Type(s): UCO, UMN  
Focus Option(s): Communication/Broadcast Sales, Financial Services, Insurance, Industrial Distribution, Medical/Healthcare Sales, Technology, Media/Entertainment

The University of Connecticut School of Business Marketing Department offers a Concentration and Minor in Professional Sales. UCONN's PSL program is the only professional sales certificate program in New England at a leading research university. The program is committed to advancing sales management expertise through experiential education, and by developing ethical and strategically-oriented sales professionals.

#### UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON

<http://www.udayton.edu/business/index.php#3>

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Dayton, OH 45469-2271  
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Students: 250  
Start Year: 2005  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, PSE  
Program Type(s): UEM, UMN  
Focus Option(s): Medical/

healthcare Sales, Technology  
The Fiore Talarico Center for Professional Selling including state of the art sales labs was completed in December 2012. There are different environments for students to perform sales call role play activities: Sales Lab 1 for one-on-one/two-on-one selling; Sales Lab2 for one-on-one selling/two-on-one selling; Sales Conference Room 3 for team selling; Sales Lobby Room 4 for impromptu sales discussions and Sales Training Room 6 for larger group sales activities and sales presentations to buying committees.

#### UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

[warrington.ufl.edu](http://warrington.ufl.edu)  
Dennis DiPasquale  
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Gainesville, FL 32611  
352-273-4446

Students: 200  
Start Year: 2018  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UMN  
Focus Option(s): Entrepreneurship, International Business

UF offers a value and consultative-focused program that does not espouse any one selling methodology or technology. Students who graduate with a minor in Professional Selling will have experience in real selling scenarios in and out of the classroom. This is a program that mixes theory and practice while helping develop the key soft skills that employers want.

#### UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

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Terry College of Business  
Athens, GA 30602  
706-542-3764  
Students: 265  
Start Year: 2006  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, PSE  
Program Type(s): UCE, UEM  
Focus Option(s): Communication/Broadcast Sales, Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, Industrial Distribution, Insurance, International Business, Medical/Healthcare Sales, Technology

The B. I. Moody III College of Business Administration is a vibrant learning community in a culturally rich region. It fosters intellectual curiosity, creativity, and innovation to produce a seasoned gumbo of successful professionals, scholars, and global citizens.  
Professional selling students must complete an internship and participate in the Terry College PSE Sales Competition. Winners attend the National Collegiate Sales Competition. The key resources for the sales program are an active Board of Advisors, the State Farm Sales Laboratory facility, and an active PSE Chapter, Gamma.

#### UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

[www.salesexcellenceinstitute.org](http://www.salesexcellenceinstitute.org)

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sei@bauer.uh.edu  
Houston, TX 77204  
713-743-4564

Students: 700  
Start Year: 1995  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, USCA full member, GSSI  
Program Type(s): UCE, UCO, UMN, GE, EC, ET

On an annual basis the program touches over 1,200 students in some way. The concentration has 350 students. There is an active business partner mentorship program embedded in the program. Each student's capstone internship/practicum is customized to his/her area of interest such as media, distribution, sports marketing, commercial real estate, financial services etc.

#### UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

<https://business.ku.edu/degree-programs/undergraduate/certificate/professional-selling-program>

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Lawrence, KS 66045  
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Students: 45  
Start Year: 2016  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UCE  
Focus Option(s): Consultative Selling

The mission of the Professional Selling Program is to prepare students for successful careers in consultative selling. Graduates of the program will help consumers and businesses define their needs, understand and evaluate buying options, facilitate effective purchase decisions, and forge enduring relationships.

#### UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE

<http://moody.louisiana.edu/>

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Lafayette, LA 70504  
701-213-5311

Students: 90  
Start Year: 2009  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UCO, UMN  
Focus Option(s): Communication/Broadcast Sales, Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, Insurance, International Business, Medical/Healthcare Sales, Technology

The B. I. Moody III College of Business Administration is a vibrant learning community in a culturally rich region. It fosters intellectual curiosity, creativity, and innovation to produce a seasoned gumbo of successful professionals, scholars, and global citizens.

#### UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

[www.business.louisville.edu/marketing](http://www.business.louisville.edu/marketing)

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Louisville, KY 40292  
502-852-4860

Students: 120  
Start Year: 2000  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UEM

Real sales readiness training in consultative selling, role playing focused curricula and teaching how to become identified in the workplace as "someone who gets it" helps the sales students hit the ground running, ramp up faster and have better results their first year selling.

#### UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

<https://business.missouri.edu/center-institutes/center-sales-and-customer-development/>  
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Columbia, MO 65211  
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Students: 250  
Start Year: 2011  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, PSE  
Program Type(s): UCE, USP, EC, ET  
Focus Option(s): Communication/Broadcast Sales, Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, Industrial Distribution, Insurance, Medical/Healthcare Sales, Technology  
This certificate prepares undergraduate students for careers in the highly professional and dynamic field of sales. Through the certificate's required coursework and internship, students acquire vital skills as well as knowledge of current best practices in the sales profession and sales management.

#### UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT KEARNEY

**INDUSTRIAL DISTRIBUTION SALES PROGRAM**

[www.unkid.org](http://www.unkid.org)

Rod Flanigan  
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Kearney, NE 68849  
308-865-8803

Students: 140  
Start Year: 1988  
Accreditation(s): ATMAE  
Program Type(s): UMJ  
Focus Option(s): Industrial Distribution, Technology

The degree program focuses on technical sales with a 12 hour internship, sales-oriented technical courses, professional selling/negotiation courses, and role-plays of sales and branch operations functions in The Industrial Distribution Simulation Lab. Corporate partners develop professional relationships with students through exclusive career events. The program works exclusively with Wholesale Industrial Distributor and manufacturers.

#### UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT KEARNEY

**PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS SALES MARKETING PROGRAM**

[www.unk.edu](http://www.unk.edu)

Marsha Yeagley  
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Kearney, NE 68845  
308-865-8345

Students: 96  
Start Year: 1975  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UEM, EC

Experiential hands-on-learning is required. All business students must have 3 credit hours of an approved experiential learning. Voicethread is being used for sales role plays.

#### UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN

<http://cbatest40.unl.edu/academic-programs/programs-and-degrees/sales-center/>

Ravi Sohi, PhD  
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Lincoln, NE 68588-0492  
402-472-2316

Students: 20-25  
Start Year: 2013  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, PSE  
Program Type(s): UCE, EC, ET  
Focus Option(s): Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, Industrial Distribution, Insurance, International Business

The program is open to all majors on campus, including non-business students. State of the art role play labs, Ph.D. seminar in Sales and Sales Management., Academic and practitioner related research of sales related topics are offered as part of the program.

#### UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-OMAHA

<https://www.unomaha.edu/>

Dr. Shannon Cummins  
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Omaha, NE 68182  
402-554-3156

Students: 136  
Start Year: 2018  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, PSE  
Program Type(s): UCO, UMN

This is a brand new program with a sales lab facility, but it is not dedicated (sales-only).

#### UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

<https://paulcollege.unh.edu>

James McIlroy  
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Peter T. Paul Center  
Durham, NH 03824  
603-828-1274

Students: 100  
Start Year: 2017  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UMN

Focus Option(s): Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, International Business, Technology  
The Center for Sales Excellence is the conduit for the business community to find professionally trained, polished, and qualified candidates who wish to pursue a career in sales leadership. The power of this program is the partnerships formed to bring field experience into the classroom enabling executives to contribute to the professional development of students before recruitment. The program's Sales Club and Sales Competition provide opportunities for students to extend their academic experience beyond the classroom.

Students: 100  
Start Year: 2017  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UMN  
Focus Option(s): Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, International Business, Technology  
The Center for Sales Excellence is the conduit for the business community to find professionally trained, polished, and qualified candidates who wish to pursue a career in sales leadership. The power of this program is the partnerships formed to bring field experience into the classroom enabling executives to contribute to the professional development of students before recruitment. The program's Sales Club and Sales Competition provide opportunities for students to extend their academic experience beyond the classroom.

#### THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN

[www.newhaven.edu](http://www.newhaven.edu)

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West Haven, CT 06516  
203-479-4551

Students: 30  
Start Year: 2010  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UCE, UCO, UMN  
Focus Option(s): Communication/Broadcast Sales, Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, Insurance, Medical/Healthcare Sales, Technology

This growing program accepts students with varying majors at the University and requires that each student complete a sales-specific internship. It is growing rapidly.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA  
[www.unasalescenter.com](http://www.unasalescenter.com)

Timothy D. Butler  
tbutler3@una.edu  
Florence, AL 35632  
256-765-5240

Students: 100  
Start Year: 2011  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, ACBSP, USCA associate member  
Program Type(s): UCE, UCO, UMJ, UMN, GF

Sales Laboratory for use in role play critique provides a Live selling program that all advanced students participate in.

#### UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT GREENSBORO

[www.bryan.uncg.edu/ncsi](http://www.bryan.uncg.edu/ncsi)

James S. Boles  
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North Carolina Sales Institute  
Greensboro, NC 27402  
336-334-4413

Students: 115  
Start Year: 2015  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UCE, UCO, UMN  
Focus Option(s): Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, Industrial Distribution, International Business, Technology

All faculty have previous sales experience relevant to the course they are teaching.

#### UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT WILMINGTON

<http://csb.uncw.edu/mkt/>

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Cameron School of Business  
Wilmington, NC 28403  
910-962-3814

Students: 180  
Start Year: 2013  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, USCA associate member, PSE  
Program Type(s): UCO, ET

This program has recently been accepted for Associate Membership in the USCA. It will be holding a "Sales Enablement Technology Forum" in March and are organizing their first Internal Sales Contest in the Spring.

#### UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

[www.kenan-flagler.unc.edu](http://www.kenan-flagler.unc.edu)

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Kenan Flagler Business School  
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3490  
919-962-3658

Students: 55  
Start Year: 2010  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UEM, GF, ET  
Focus Option(s): Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, International Business, Medical/Healthcare Sales, Technology, Channel Sales

The program integrates sales strategy and skills through undergraduate and graduate business consulting projects. In addition to the sales emphasis, sales strategy and skills are a component of the entrepreneurship minor (undergrad), and Sales Strategy is offered as an elective for the full- and part-time MBA programs.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS  
[www.unt.edu](http://www.unt.edu)

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Denton, TX 76203  
940-565-3075

Students: 40  
Start Year: 2014  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UCO, UMN

Two primary developmental courses are comprised of six rigorous role plays that are both service and product based. Other courses include a prospecting project and sales management case study analysis.

#### UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH

[www.port.ac.uk](http://www.port.ac.uk)

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Portsmouth Business School  
Portsmouth, UK PO1 3DE  
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Students: 300  
Start Year: 2002  
Accreditation(s): GSSI  
Program Type(s): USP, UCE, ET  
Focus Option(s): Entrepreneurship, International Business, Technology

This is the largest and longest-established sales program in the UK. Award winning Sales Teaching. European Sales Competition overall winners. All teaching staff have B2B sales experience at a senior level, VP, Account Director etc.

#### THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

[www.sandiego.edu](http://www.sandiego.edu)

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San Diego, CA 92110  
760-685-0855

Students: 60  
Start Year: 2012  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UEM, USP  
Focus Option(s): Communications/Broadcast Sales, Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, International Business, Technology

The USD School of Business is committed to developing socially responsible leaders with a global mindset through academically rigorous, relevant and values-based education and research.

#### THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[http://sc.edu/study/colleges\\_schools/moore/business\\_solutions/research\\_and\\_partnership\\_centers/center\\_for\\_sales\\_success/index.php](http://sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/moore/business_solutions/research_and_partnership_centers/center_for_sales_success/index.php)

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Columbia, SC 29208  
803-777-7305

Students: 100  
Start Year: 2017  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): USP

The University of South Carolina Center for Sales Success operates for students at the intersection of the professional sales process, selling skills development and application, and sales career understanding and exposure - all of which is applied

via experiential learning. They also interact with corporate sponsors, which gives partners access to top talent in unique and relevant engagements.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA**  
www.usf.edu/business/centers/marketing-sales-innovation/  
Robert Hammond  
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Tampa, FL 33620

813-974-5978  
Students: 245  
Start Year: 2017  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, USCA  
associate member  
Program Type(s): UCE, UCO

The sales curriculum is supported with co-curricular activities through the Professional Sales Club and the Center for Marketing and Sales Innovation. The Center for Marketing and Sales Innovation is expanding its lab capabilities in spring 2019. The lab expansion includes additional facilities for field sales training, new inside sales training seats, and state-of-the-art behavioral research assets.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI**  
www.usm.edu

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Hattiesburg, MS 39406  
601-266-4627

Students: 50  
Start Year: 2009  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UCE  
Focus Option(s): Entrepreneurship, Medical/Healthcare Sales

Southern Miss has a long history of placing students with companies from the Fortune 500 as well as smaller, entrepreneurial organizations. Students enter many industries including healthcare, consumer products, retail, capital equipment, oil & gas, business services, and others. The majority of marketing students start their careers in sales.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON**  
http://www.uta.edu/marketing/undergrad\_sales.html  
Larry Chonko  
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Arlington, TX 76019  
871-272-0264

Students: 165  
Start Year: 2013  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UCE

The Sales Certificate program will enhance students' abilities to sell themselves, their ideas, as well as products and services. It also equips students with knowledge and skills related to developing and managing mutually beneficial relationships with customers. The Sales Certificate program stresses the ethical, technological, and global aspects of professional sales. The Program responds to the growing demand for students with a sales

education and it is available to both business and non-business majors.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS**  
http://jindal.utdallas.edu/academic-areas/marketing/marketing-undergraduate-program/

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Richardson, TX 75080  
972-883-4420

Students: 270  
Start Year: 2012  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, USCA  
full member  
Program Type(s): UCE, UCO, UEM, GF

Focus Option(s): Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, Insurance, International Business, Medical/healthcare Sales, Technology  
Students in the professional sales concentration benefit from the involvement of industry-leading corporate partners, a faculty dedicated to their students' education both inside the classroom and out, and a cadre of peers driven to succeed. Students who complete a sales concentration emerge ready for the professional sales workforce, resulting in faster ramp-up to productivity and reduced turnover for employers.

**UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO**  
www.sales.utoledo.edu

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Edward Schmidt School of Professional Sales  
Toledo, OH 43606  
419-530-6133, 419-530-2978

Students: 390  
Start Year: 1990  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, USCA full member, GSSI, PSE, AMA, NCSM  
Program Type(s): UCO, UMJ, UMN, GCE, GF, EC, ET

Focus Option(s): Communication/Broadcast Sales, Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, Insurance, International Business, Medical/Healthcare Sales, Technology

Our curricula is integrated, hands-on, and taught by faculty with sales experience. Students complete a required sales internship. UT is the only university in the US to require majors take a purchasing class. Students compete at regional and national competitions, maintaining a top 10 track record for over a decade. Our active advisory board ensures strategic alignment with the business community.

**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON**

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Michael G. Foster School of Business  
Seattle, WA 98195-3226  
206-685-1913 or 206-616-6134

Students: 175  
Start Year: 2001  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UCE  
Focus Option(s): Communication/

Broadcast Sales, Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, Industrial Distribution, Insurance, International Business, Medical/Healthcare Sales, Technology

The Husky Sales Club (a registered student organization and an arm of the Sales Program) hosts a business partner Speaker Series throughout the academic year and also hosts a Sales Career Fair. The Foster Professional Sales Program concludes each academic year with a "Business Partners Appreciation" breakfast. The Foster Professional Sales Program is affiliated with the Center for Sales and Marketing Strategy.

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE**

http://www.uwec.edu/academics/college-business/departments-programs/management-marketing/academic-offerings/sales-center/

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Eau Claire, WI 54701  
715-836-4644

Students: 125  
Start Year: 1995  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, USCA full member, PSE  
Program Type(s): UEM, ET  
Focus Option(s): Marketing Analytics, Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, International Business

Students that complete the Professional Sales Emphasis take classes such as Professional Selling, Sales Management, Advanced Sales Topics and Marketing Analytics and Technology. Students use AC Nielson data in their classroom experiences. In addition, UW-Eau Claire hosts the Great Northwoods Sales Warm Up which gives students hands-on selling experience and feedback from sales professionals.

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-OSHKOSH**

www.uwosh.edu  
Dr. Bryan Lilly  
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Oshkosh, WI 54901  
920-424-7201

Students: 32  
Start Year: 2012  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UEM

Students take the three required sales courses as one integrated cohort class. Semester involves high participation with area sales professionals via a Sales Conference, a Career Symposium, field trips, ride-alongs, and a set of role play competitions coached by professionals.

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-PARKSIDE**

www.uwp.edu/departments/business/sales.certificate/index.cfm

Dr. Peter Knight  
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Kenosha, WI 53141-2000  
262-595-2415

Students: 40  
Start Year: 2010  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UCE  
Focus Option(s): Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, International Business

National Team Selling Competition Champions 2013 National Sales Challenge Champions 2016 Champions NCSC Grad Division 2017 Best in class Sales Lab opened October 2018.

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS**  
http://www.uwrf.edu/cbe

Ozcan Kilic  
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River Falls, WI 54022  
715-425-4330

Students: 42  
Start Year: 2014  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UEM

The College of Business and Economics has a prime location close to the Twin Cities MSA with a large concentration of Fortune 500 companies. This enables students to get internships at top ranked companies in their respective industries. In addition to international sales experience, faculty has been teaching sales for over 20 years. The program has a state-of-the-art Sales Laboratory to reinforce experiential learning.

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-WHITewater**

www.uwwsales.org  
Dr. Jimmy Peltier  
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Institute for Sales Excellence  
Whitewater, WI 53190  
262-472-5474

Students: 280  
Start Year: 2011  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, PSE, USCA full member, AMA, GSSI  
Program Type(s): UCE, UEM, UMN  
Focus Option(s): Communication/Broadcast Sales, Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, Industrial Distribution, Insurance, Medical/Healthcare Sales, Technology

With seven different sales classes the program is serving another large set of students who have not proclaimed sales but end up in sales. Numerous non-credit sales certificate programs are offered out of the Sales Institute; totally over 400 students attend annually. There are three internal sales competitions not counting those done for sending students out to other sales competitions. The program has a UWW Sales Team, and AMA Sales Team, and a PSE Sales Team.

**UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING**  
www.uwyo.edu/business

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Laramie, WY 82071  
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Students: 30  
Start Year: 2016  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, GSSI  
Program Type(s): UEM

The University of Wyoming recently hired an endowed chair in sales, to complement its new Sales Initiative. The Sales Initiative will include a sales internship program, a sales mentorship program, a sales competition team, and a sales executive-in-residence program.

**UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY**  
https://huntsman.usu.edu/prosales/

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Logan, UT 84322  
435-797-9631

Students: 100  
Start Year: 2014  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UCE, UEM, UMN

Students have multiple years of sales experience. 50% speak a second language. 80% work while going through school. Students are 1 to 2 years older because of religious service missions they completed prior to entering university.

**VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY**

http://business.vcu.edu/departments-and-centers/marketing/  
Wayne Slough, PhD  
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Richmond, VA 23284-4000  
804 828-7089

Students: 50  
Start Year: 2010  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UEM  
Focus Option(s): Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, Industrial Distribution, Insurance, International Business, Technology

The VCU Academy of Selling and Sales Management has for eight years offered thrice-yearly executive luncheon programs. The Academy awards up to five undergraduate sales scholarships annually to outstanding students in the undergraduate sales concentration discipline within the marketing major.

**VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY**  
www.marketing.pamplin.vt.edu

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Blacksburg, VA 24061  
540-231-9621

Students: 120  
Start Year: 2011  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, PSE, GSSI, USCA associate member  
Program Type(s): UCE, UCO, UMN

The Virginia Tech professional sales program came on-line in fall 2012. Every marketing major (approximately 750) must take the basic sales course.

**WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY-VANCOUVER**  
www.vancouver.wsu.edu/prosales

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Vancouver, WA 98686-9600  
360-546-9339

Students: 40  
Start Year: 2005

Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UCE  
Focus Option(s): Technology, Hospitality, Business Management  
All marketing majors are required to take the professional sales option and a professional sales certificate is available to students in any major. WSU Vancouver was the overall Team Champion for the 2007 National Collegiate Sales Competition (NCSC), besting student teams from 43 other universities. The program also serves the recruiting needs of businesses in the Portland, OR metro area.

**WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY**  
http://www.weber.edu/sales

Mikelle Barberi Weil  
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Alan E. Hall Center for Sales Excellence  
Ogden, UT 84408  
801-626-6913

Students: 500  
Start Year: 1985  
Accreditation(s): GSSI, USCA full member  
Program Type(s): UCE, UMJ, UMN, EC

Focus Option(s): Communication/broadcast Sales, Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, Industrial Distribution, Insurance, International Business, Medical/Healthcare Sales, Technology

This center, opened in 2013, enhances current curricula in one of the best four-year sales degrees in the nation by providing quality training for today's new sales economy. By creating sales training programs and opportunities and aligning the sales profession with the increasing need in corporate America for professionals to combine user-driven product development with true customer expectations, the center sets itself apart from others. It is the first and only one of its kind among Utah's public universities.

**WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY**  
www.be.wvu.edu

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Morgantown, WV 26506  
304-293-7960

Students: 70  
Start Year: 2010  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, USCA full member, PSE  
Program Type(s): UEM, UCE  
Focus Option(s): Entrepreneurship

The program offers opportunities for active student engagement via extra-curricular activities including sales club, sales contests and speakers.

**WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY**  
www.marketingdept@wcu.edu

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Cullowhee, NC 28723  
828-227-3991

Students: 120  
Start Year: 2002  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UEM  
Focus Option(s): Communication/Broadcast Sales, Entrepreneurship,

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN River Falls**  
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Financial Services, International Business  
A basic sales course is a requirement for all business majors. The University partners with companies to provide students with lead generating experience as part of the coursework, and a call center has been established for role-play and constructive feedback.

**WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY**

www.wku.edu/gfcb/cps  
Dr. Lukas P. Forbes  
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Bowling Green, KY 42101  
270-745-2993

Students: 250  
Start Year: 2007  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, USCA full member  
Program Type(s): UMJ, UMN

The Center offers five different sales courses found within either a sales major or sales minor. Within the minor, more than 20 different majors are represented. A corporate partnership program allows for numerous guest speakers, internships, and employment opportunities for sales students.

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**  
https://wmich.edu/business

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Hawthorn College of Business  
Kalamazoo, MI 49008  
269-387-6166

Students: 330  
Start Year: 1999  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): UMJ

The Harold Ziegler Interactive Sales Labs allow students to conduct role-plays and sales presentations. Sales faculty have sales related business experience. WMU students have been successful in multiple national sales competitions. The student-run Sales and Business Marketing Association has 100+ members. All faculty members have real-world sales experience.

**WIDENER UNIVERSITY**  
www.widener.edu

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Chester, PA 19013  
610-499-4331

Students: 30  
Start Year: 2006  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, PSE  
Program Type(s): UEM

All students have significant interaction with sales professionals in performing role plays, interviewing sales people, and required networking events. Minimum 6 hours of interaction with professionals. Sales program alumni and professional sales trainers provide mentoring.

**WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY**  
www.wpunj.edu/rbisales

Dr. Prabakar (PK) Kothandaraman  
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The Russ Berrie Institute for Professional Selling

Wayne, NJ 07470  
973-720-3880

Students: 200  
Start Year: 2003  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, USCA full member, PSE, GSSI  
Program Type(s): **UMJ, UMN, ET**  
Focus Option(s): Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, Industrial Distribution, Insurance, Medical/Healthcare Sales, Technology  
As the first to offer a separate degree in Professional Sales, RBI offers an integrated competency-based curriculum, sales faculty with sales experience, total experiential-based learning built around case studies, projects and role-plays in state-of-the-art behavioral laboratories, along with e-portfolios that demonstrate their capabilities.

**WINONA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
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507-457-5196  
Students: 115  
Start Year: 2011  
Accreditation(s): AACSB, GSSI, PSE, USCA associate member  
Program Type(s): **UMN**  
The program offers to its students many opportunities to experience real business situations through internship programs, tours to companies, guest speakers from business and industry, and research opportunities.

**XAVIER UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA**  
[www.xula.edu/business](http://www.xula.edu/business)  
Amanda Helm  
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New Orleans, LA 70115  
504-520-5044  
Students: 15  
Start Year: 2002  
Accreditation(s): ACBSP  
Program Type(s): **UCO, UMN**  
The business program offers a number of dynamic and exciting programs for undergraduate students and prepares them well to take leadership roles in corporate America. Sales class students sell ads for the student newspaper and log those sales in Salesforce.com.

**YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY**  
<https://ysu.edu/>  
John Rossi  
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Youngstown, OH 44555  
330-941-3062  
Students: 60  
Start Year: 2014  
Accreditation(s): AACSB  
Program Type(s): **UCO, UMN**  
Focus Option(s): Entrepreneurship, Industrial Distribution, Consumer Products  
Youngstown State University—an urban research university—emphasizes a creative, integrated approach to education, scholarship, and service. This University is ranked as one of the most affordable. ▲

**SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY**  
<http://cbaweb.sdsu.edu/marketing/sales>  
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San Diego, CA 92182  
619-594-4308  
Starting in the fall semester of 2013, the Marketing Department of the College of Business Administration offered the Professional Selling and Sales Management Specialization to undergraduates. Students participate in the 3M Frontline Sales Program and internships through the College of Business Internship program.

**TAMPERE UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES**  
<http://opinto-opas-ops.tamk.fi/index.php/en/170/en/49598/17ALITA/year/2017>  
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This program serves 70 students and started in the Fall of 2017. Two sales courses are offered with expansion in the future to provide a major in sales.

**TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY**  
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Fort Worth, TX 76129  
817-257-5068

This program is in the exploratory phase with 36 students in the sales classes.

**UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA**  
[www.arizona.edu](http://www.arizona.edu)  
Jerry Kollross  
kollrossg@email.arizona.edu  
Tucson, AZ 85641  
520-621-7084

This program is offering three sales classes and expects to offer a certificate in Spring 2020.

**UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**  
[www.sauder.ubc.ca/Faculty/Divisions/Marketing\\_and\\_Behavioural\\_Science\\_Division](http://www.sauder.ubc.ca/Faculty/Divisions/Marketing_and_Behavioural_Science_Division)  
Elaine Williamson  
elaine.williamson@sauder.ubc.ca  
Sauder School of Business  
Vancouver, British Columbia V6T 1Z2  
604-822-8314

The program offers one undergrad, one MBA and one MM course in Business Development/Sales currently.

**UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO-Boulder**  
[colorado.edu](http://colorado.edu)  
Brian Higgins  
brian.higgins@colorado.edu  
Leeds School of Business  
Boulder, CO 80309  
303-475-3622

A track of courses is offered to prepare students. Faculty rely heavily on members of the community to participate in mentoring and panel discussions. Students are required to develop sales “playbooks” for a variety of products and markets that emphasize a thorough understanding of sales processes as well as participate in a Capstone Role Play exercise.

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**  
<http://www.bus.umich.edu>  
Follett Carter  
follett@umich.edu  
Ann Arbor, MI 48109  
248-726-6314

This program offers 120 students sales classes.

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA**  
<https://csle.umn.edu>  
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Minneapolis, MN 55129  
612-508-4835

This program while not accredited has been offering a certificate to 120 students per year since 2016.

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, DULUTH**  
<http://www.d.umn.edu/~scastleb/>  
Dr. Stephen Castleberry  
scastleb@d.umn.edu  
Duluth, MN 55812  
218-726-6314

This program is in the exploratory phase with 40 students in the sales classes.

**UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI**  
<http://www.olemissbusiness.com/Marketing/faculty.html>  
Douglas W. Vorhies, Ph.D.  
dvorhies@bus.olemiss.edu  
University, MS 38677  
662-801-4738

This program was recognized in 1990 by the university and serves 180 students by providing an undergraduate specialty offering two sales courses.

**UNIVERSITY OF MÜNSTER**  
<http://www.marketingcenter.de/ifm/en/index.phpmar>  
Dr. Manfred Krafft  
mkrafft@uni-muenster.de  
Münster, Germany 48143  
+49 251 83 25025

This program began in 2003 and consists of a Sales Management course.

**UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA**  
[Ut.edu](http://Ut.edu)  
Stacey Schetzle  
sschetzle@ut.edu  
Tampa, FL 33606-1490  
865-407-5059

This program offers sales as an undergraduate elective to approximately 50 students annually. The sales program has a focus on hands-on training and application with the help of outside sales organizations and their experts.

**UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE**  
<https://haslam.utk.edu/professional-sales-forum>  
Tom Van Dorselaer  
tvandors@utk.edu  
Knoxville, TN 37996  
865-407-5059

While the program is not accredited by an outside body, it started offering a major and minor in sales in 2017.

**VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY**  
[www.villanova.edu/business/](http://www.villanova.edu/business/)  
Greg Bonner  
greg.bonner@villanova.edu  
Villanova, PA 19085  
610-519-4352

Villanova's College of Business offers two sales courses, Professional Selling and Sales Management, through their Department of Marketing and Business Law. The University hosts alumni events to assist alumni working in the sales industry. Students have participated in the Career Development Program and at annual sales competitions. ▲

## OTHER NOTABLE PROGRAMS

The following schools provide opportunities for students to obtain some classroom training and/or practical experience specific to professional sales. Most are working with their universities to establish formal programs.

**CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY**  
<http://calpoly.edu/>  
Lisa Simon  
lsimon@calpoly.edu  
Orfalea College of Business  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93407  
805-756-5380

Sales classes are taught through the Department of Marketing and the Agribusiness program. They focus on developing foundational selling skills with an eye toward technology.

**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT**  
[www.iimk.ac.in](http://www.iimk.ac.in)  
Anandakuttan B. Unnithan  
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This program offers three sales courses to graduate school students.

**MIAMI UNIVERSITY**  
<http://miamioh.edu/fsb/academics/marketing/index.html>  
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norrisdg@miamioh.edu  
Oxford, OH 45056  
513-529-1217

Despite the lack of a formal sales program, students complete one required sales course and may select electives from other Marketing courses and related technical areas inside and outside the Farmer School of Business. What distinguishes students seeking a career in sales is membership in the Gamma Gamma chapter of Pi Sigma Epsilon.

**MCMASTER UNIVERSITY**  
[www.mcmaster.ca](http://www.mcmaster.ca)  
Dr. Manish Kacker  
mkacker@mcmaster.ca  
DeGroote School of Business  
Hamilton, Ontario L8S 4M4  
905-525-9140 Ext 21658  
The program offers Sales Management and BtoB Marketing at the undergraduate level and Consultative sales at the graduate level.

**MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY**  
[www.mtsu.edu/sales](http://www.mtsu.edu/sales)  
Dr. Lucy M. Matthews  
lucy.matthews@mtsu.edu  
Murfreesboro, TN 37132  
615-898-2112

Students complete sales internships, sales courses and other preparatory programs and may join a sales team that participates in national sales competitions. To encourage sales skill development and participation in national competitive events, a corporate-sponsored competition across all sections of Personal Selling was created.

**NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY**  
<http://damore-mckim.northeastern.edu>  
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j.mulki@neu.edu  
Boston, MA 02140  
617-373-5740

This program is not formally recognized by the university, but it is accredited by AACSB and offers an undergraduate minor to sales students.

**OHIO DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY**  
[www.ohiodominican.edu](http://www.ohiodominican.edu)  
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bueherr@ohiodominican.edu  
Columbus, OH 43219  
614-251-4732

The program is off to a great start. There are two required sales courses and a required internship. The program is expected to double in size and faculty are excited to be offering a Minor in sales.

**OKLAHOMA CITY UNIVERSITY**  
<https://bluelink.okcu.edu/cp/home/loginf>  
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mrwilliams@okcu.edu  
Meinders School of Business  
Oklahoma City, OK 73106-1493  
405-208-5589

The program offers a sales course that is required of all marketing majors.

**PACE UNIVERSITY**  
[www.pace.edu/idmlab](http://www.pace.edu/idmlab)  
Harvey Markovitz  
hmarkovitz@pace.edu  
New York, NY 10038  
917-453-0938

The program began in 2014 and has a sales lab. There are two required sales courses in the minor that is offered.

**PENN STATE UNIVERSITY HARRISBURG**  
<https://harrisburg.psu.edu/business-administration>  
Darrell E. Bartholomew  
deb62@psu.edu  
Middletown, PA 17057-4898  
717-948-6166

This program offers Personal Selling and Sales Management courses. A minor is available for our students to take through the Penn State system. It also has an active Pi Sigma Epsilon Chapter on campus for our students and a Sales Club.

**POINT PARK UNIVERSITY**  
[www.pointpark.edu](http://www.pointpark.edu)  
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Middletown, PA 15222  
412-392-1940

Currently the business school sales focus is on sports, arts, and entertainment. We are in the process of adding a major in marketing and sales with a professional sales concentration that will have a broader focus, and working on a plan for a sales lab to provide even more value to students and employers.

**REINHARDT UNIVERSITY**  
<http://www.reinhardt.edu/>  
Walter Beck  
whb@reinhardt.edu  
Waleska, GA 30183  
770-720-5600

The program prepares students for careers as sales and marketing professionals and has been in existence since 2006.

**SAINT JOHN FISHER COLLEGE**  
[www.sjfc.edu](http://www.sjfc.edu)  
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Rochester, NY 14618  
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This emerging program offers two sales courses and is planning on a significant expansion in 2019.

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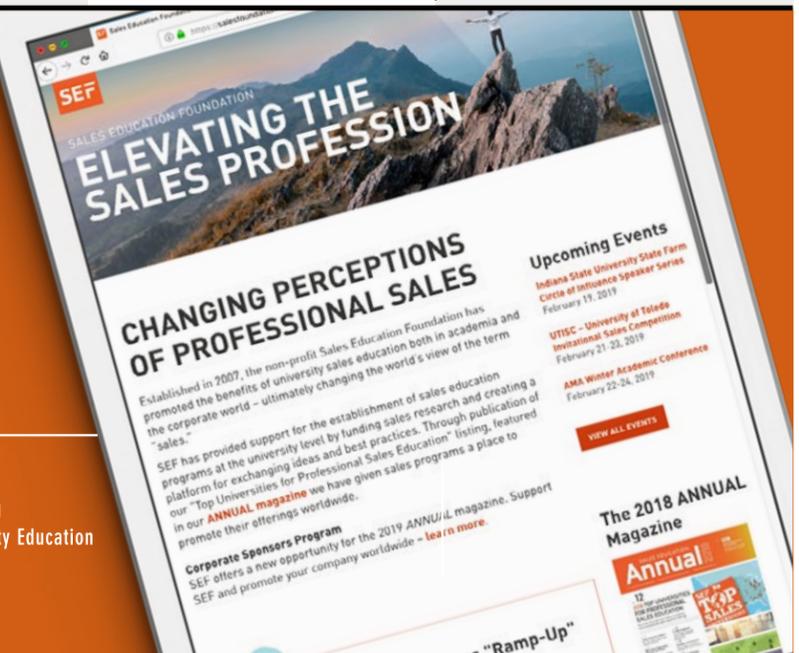
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# WHAT IS *academic sales research* AND WHY SHOULD I CARE?

**YOU EITHER READ THEM OR YOU DON'T:  
the Journal of Marketing, Journal of the Academy of  
Marketing Science, Journal of Personal Selling and Sales  
Management, Industrial Marketing Management, Journal of  
Marketing Theory and Practice and the list goes on and on.**

Few sales executives are familiar with these publications but academic sales researchers focus significant effort here. Adam Rapp, a past winner of the Sales Education Foundation Dissemination Award, notes "Unfortunately, as there have been thousands of pieces of sales research conducted and published, I would contend that a fraction of this research has made it outside of the world of academia and into the hand of practitioners."

## SO WHAT IS IT?

Academic sales research seeks to understand the field of sales at a fundamental, scientific level. It comprises a significant portion of most sales academics' jobs and they typically have long term goals for generating and disseminating basic knowledge about how sales and sales management works and why. There are many topics covering virtually anything in the sales function. Some typical examples include sales strategy, sales management and control, training and hiring salespeople, the selling process, buyer-seller relationships, sales technology and automation and international selling.

Yet few sales managers are familiar with this body of work, much as it might shed light on current problems they face. Professor Michael Mallin, University of Toledo, attributes this to the reward system at universities. Sales academics are rewarded for publishing in these journals, which are largely inaccessible to the general population. Professor Rapp notes, "without a deep understanding of econometric modeling or social identity theory, as examples, to interpret the findings, they remain largely inaccessible." Universities' rewards are not aligned with translating findings for business or publishing in trade outlets. Some faculty may feel unprepared for this task as well.

Professor Mallin's answer is to present findings in executive training and other university interactions with businesses and to familiarize students with results in the classroom. His sales program recently began a blog with short summaries of findings and managerial implications. Professor Rapp feels that sharing findings through executive engagements, trainings and key note presentations has worked particularly well for him. For example, after a recent training, Sean Tripician, a Sales Forecast and Pricing Analyst with Niman Ranch, told Professor Rapp "You have given us all fantastic tools that we all can use in our day-to-day operations."

Managers can benefit from this research by gaining deeper understanding of the topics they are most concerned with. Much academic research eventually makes its way into textbooks, but that can take years. Familiarity with current findings provides earlier insight to what may become fundamental understanding down the road.

Paul Millette, VP of Sales, VisionPoint, says that he has to adapt to the workforce and needs to understand what drives employees and new hires. It is imperative to keep up to speed to know what excites employees, so he can keep them motivated and retain them. He's been following Bryant University's Stefanie Boyer's work on generational differences. Knowing what is being discovered in academic research has helped him change his mindset, resulting in new ways to motivate employees. "I've seen a number of changes since implementing findings from Stefanie's work. Employees are more comfortable with collaboration and prefer it, they want to have an impact and be heard, have ability to think outside the box is high and they are productive and efficient from home." He says as a manager he has to adapt and be open to get the results he wants. He

keeps an eye open for research that helps him to stay ahead of the curve.

Professor Boyer makes a deliberate effort to bring her research into the conversation when working with managers and through social media. Her research on self-directed learning, training, adaptability and managing the next generation of sales leaders has received the most interest from employers. "For the sake of our students and their future employers, we should share what we learn. One of the things I have learned is to share results with employers while it is in the publication process because waiting for it to come out can take years sometimes."

Efforts are not limited to the United States. Jorge Bullemore, Director Academico at Universidad de Chile, notes that while not as much academic research is produced in Latin America as in the U.S. and Europe, the issues are similar. In Chile, there is a concerted effort to attract more academic sales researchers, while at the same time finding ways to share research with managers. "Quality research, knowledge and best practices reach managers through open congresses where opinion leaders from around the world are invited, some newsletters written by consultants and academics and the publication of books in Spanish." He himself is working to make sure current findings reach managers, recently publishing a joint university/consulting project to study commercial networks in Chile.

Some managers also participate in research by providing access to certain aspects of their business, perhaps salespeople responding to a survey, researchers observing sales processes or providing company data on specific metrics. Companies are usually provided unique company-specific insights for participating, get early access to findings and can choose to remain anonymous in publications. The companies also have the satisfaction of supporting the creation of future knowledge.

While a clear purpose behind this research is to advance knowledge, the purpose has to be accomplished with the goal of helping businesses. That means researchers need to make sure they answer relevant questions and find ways to translate findings for business managers. Business managers need to seek out findings and encourage those who are sharing business implications with them. Sales academic research can provide valuable insight and competitive advantage to interested firms. Managers interested in learning about academic sales research don't have to read Journal of Marketing; start by contacting your local university sales program. ▲



Ellen Pullins, PhD  
University of Toledo

## Beyond the Classroom: THE ROLE OF FACULTY IN ELEVATING THE SALES PROFESSION



*Business schools across the country have mission statements with a common theme: to improve our world, country and community, one student at a time. In the world of sales, faculty are uniquely positioned to improve the profession through teaching, research, and building a strong relationship with industry. But when it comes to engaging college students, that highly desired, early-career sales force, educators do their greatest work beyond the scope of the classroom.*

Pi Sigma Epsilon (PSE), the only national, professional fraternity dedicated to the advancement of sales as a profession, has witnessed first-hand the impact that faculty have in the development of early-career sales professionals. PSE was founded in 1952 by three marketing professors, Lloyd Antle, Dr William Harris, and Dr Henry Baker, who established a close working relationship with a charismatic and energetic sales executive, Mr. Lewis F Gordon, co-founder of Sales & Marketing Executives International (SMEI).

Since that time, dedicated sales and marketing faculty on campuses across the US have served as PSE advisors, teachers, mentors and contributors to the advancement of the sales profession, both in and out of the classroom. Meaningful faculty/student interactions help students become outstanding individuals, citizens, and sales professionals.

## Teachers First

Eighteen-year-olds come to school their freshman year with a general idea about their future. Most believe in the importance of a college degree but few are certain about a major. The next few semesters of grinding through science and English composition courses mold their perspective, and many migrate to business disciplines. Some choose marketing, but not sales. Few students come to school looking to become sales professionals.

Faculty play a critical role in sparking interest in the profession and igniting a passion for professional selling. They help students to develop a broad understanding of business and the critical role of sales as a company's single most important revenue-generating function. Students learn multiple methodologies and that knowledge is reinforced over many months as students earn a degree through study, practical application and role-play.

## Mavericks and Trailblazers

Sales has come a long way since the days of getting your foot in the door and espousing product features and benefits. Professional sales has entered a new era, requiring skills that are teachable. There is a vast network of industry leaders, non-profit organizations and educators who are committed to advancing sales from "vocation" to "profession", charting new territory in the process. This vast network intersects on campus with the sales faculty and impacts practitioner, educator and pupil each where they reside.

Organizations like the Sales Education Foundation, which provides resources for academia and industry, have recognized the importance of sales education in an academic setting. To advance the field of sales, the SEF collects data on university sales programs and publishes it in their Annual magazine. SEF also provides funding for workshops and conferences on the topic of sales, and offers students a unique opportunity to complete a predictive assessment about careers in the profession.

Professional sales training organizations like Carew International, one of the top 10 sales training firms in the United States, partner with faculty at schools like Central Michigan University, to provide hands-on experience with personal selling. They offer certification in professional selling, advanced positional selling/pathway to negotiations and enterprise selling as part of the academic curriculum. Students are exposed to key sales components through the same training received by Fortune 500 companies such as John Deere, Dow Corning, Coca Cola and International Paper.

Further, sales faculty spend considerable time researching and delivering cutting-edge findings through sales education organizations, and academic conferences and journals:

- The Journal of Personal Selling and Sales Management (JPSSM) is the only academic journal devoted to the publication of peer-reviewed articles in the field of sales management and selling. With global distribution, JPSSM encourages knowledge transfer between science and practice, and identifies issues and shaping of ideas associated with sales and selling.
- The National Conference in Sales Management (NCSM) is the premier international gathering of scholars, instructors, and practitioners interested in professional selling and sales management research and teaching. The conference consists of double-blind review competitive paper sessions, research roundtable sessions, sales education sessions, and a variety of special sessions devoted to connecting academia and practice.
- The University Sales Center Alliance (USCA) connects university faculty members with many different backgrounds and areas of expertise for the continuing advancement of the sales profession through teaching, research and outreach.
- AMA's Sales SIG advances knowledge generation with the integration of academic and practitioner perspectives into research and teaching.

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## Collaboration and Relationship-building

Faculty are the gateway between industry and future sales professionals and most industry sales managers know that identifying top sales talent often begins in the classroom. Professors interact daily with students who are considering a career in sales. It is the strong connection with industry, fostered between faculty and members of the selling community that facilitates a meaningful connection between prospective employers and the emerging sales force.

Professors often invite sales professionals as guest lecturers and coaches for role-play competitions. Some of these sales professionals mentor aspiring students as they navigate career decisions and sales skills development; in turn, the sales professionals get to establish working relationships with creative, energetic students. For a sales manager or recruiter, these relationships can result in successful hires. For the student, the faculty introduction to industry professionals marks the starting point of a budding career.

## Where the magic happens

Faculty as teachers, researchers and collaborators have elevated the sales profession through higher education. But where the magic happens, where truly remarkable sales professionals are formed, is with personal interactions that instill confidence, build character and challenge students to move out of their comfort zones to achieve more than they ever believed possible.

These personal interactions are as simple as a conversation that helps the student to understand the broad variety of sales careers available and how to choose the best fit. Others connect students with personal industry contacts and provide a critical introduction

to a future employer. Finally, there are those faculty who commit to honing sales skills by investing significant personal time to coach, train, encourage and support students for local, regional and national sales competitions.

Whether the faculty member chooses to engage industry professionals to present workshops and learning opportunities which reinforce the things that transcend the classroom or arrange site visits to company headquarters, the role of faculty in advancing the sales profession is critical to the development of an emerging sales force with the skills necessary to achieve success in a field with an ever-growing demand for excellence.

*In cooperation with the Sales Education Foundation, Pi Sigma Epsilon recognizes the meaningful contributions of our sales educators and faculty who teach, research, collaborate and inspire to elevate the profession of sales. We are grateful for you and all you do to advance the sale profession! ▲*



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# NEW RESEARCH *from* FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY REVEALS A CRITICAL FLAW IN OUR SALES METHODOLOGIES

*An Interview with Leff Bonney,  
Florida State University Professor  
by Jason Jordan*

*Leff, you've conducted some fascinating new research to find the 'best' sales methodology. How did that research come about?*

One of the most important contributions that university-based sales centers make to the discipline of sales and sales management is the research conducted on sales-related topics. For example, at FSU we have an advisory board of around 40 companies that plays a critical role in guiding our research efforts. In 2012 there was a great deal of noise in the marketplace related to the effectiveness of different sales methodologies. Our board members asked us to explore the different methodologies, which started us down a path.

Obviously, consultative, transactional, and value selling strategies had been prevalent in the market for decades, but there were new methodologies emerging that suggested high-performing sales reps actually provoke their customers into new ways of thinking about their problems and solutions. Two years, four studies, and over 3,000 salespeople later, we had some pretty interesting insights to share.

*So what did you learn?*

Well, the big ah-ha was that high performing salespeople aren't consultative sellers, they're not value sellers, they're not relational sellers, and they're not provoking sellers. High performing salespeople are ALL of these. What our research showed was that high performing salespeople are incredibly agile; they have the ability to shift between different selling methodologies depending on the situation that they are facing.

Likewise, underperforming salespeople use no real methodology at all, which should come as no surprise. But what was interesting was that average salespeople—the middle 50%-60% of the sales organization—were adept at one selling approach and had a tendency to use it again and again, no matter what the situation. So, the conclusion of the research was that sales leaders were asking the wrong question: It's not, what selling methodology is right for their organization...It's what selling methodologies are right for common situations that the salespeople encounter?

*Well now that you say that, it seems to make intuitive sense. Is 'agility' something that can be taught?*

On the surface, 'agility' seems like a trait that reps either have or they don't. However, you can see it being trained in many other disciplines. For instance, sports teams are all about the need for agility. Quarterbacks are taught to come to the line of scrimmage, assess the situation, and make changes to the play their team is going to run based on what they see... And this can be taught. You would never see a football team run the same play 47 times during a game. At least, not a winning team.

The US military is another great example. Fighter pilots are taught dozens of maneuvers that can be performed while engaged in an aerial dogfight. They know that the key to success is their ability to tack back and forth between maneuvers based on what the enemy plane is doing...And it can be taught.

The military example is especially relevant for sales teams, because it illustrates both tactical (in the battlefield) and strategic (in the battle control center) adaptability that salespeople need to be successful in their selling efforts.

*If agility can be taught, what are the core skills that must be developed?*

Other sales researchers have explored the keys to sales agility or adaptability, as it is sometimes termed in the literature. They found that three key skills are the most critical to salesperson success. First, salespeople must have situational awareness, which is the ability of the salesperson to probe and recognize the type of situation they are confronting. The second skill is the ability to think through a series of strategies for each situation and to accurately select the right strategy for the given situation. This skill is known as selling fluency. The third and final skill is strategy execution. It's one thing to know the right strategy for the situation at hand, but it's another thing entirely to be able to execute.

Again, this process of identifying the situation, selecting the right response, and executing it flawlessly is an approach drilled into quarterbacks, fighter pilots, doctors, lawyers, and many other professions. For some reason, it's just evaded sales forces for more than 100 years.

*What are the implications of these findings for sales training going forward?*

Another great question. I believe that our research calls into question what companies have been doing all these years with a one-size-fits-all approach to sales. The overwhelming majority of sales training programs are designed for sellers to approach every sales opportunity the same way. But assuming the research is correct, this training is actually training what average salespeople do—not top performers.

Another implication is that the strategy of selling to 'personas' is also flawed. Persona-based selling dictates that there is a best way to sell to a particular type of buyer, say a Chief Information Officer. In reality, a CIO doesn't always purchase the same way – she might behave differently in different situations. If she is upgrading her accounting software, she's an educated buyer and might simply want to transact. If she's buying a social media platform for the first time, she might require more consultation. So our research draws the value of such personas into question as well.

Since the original research, we've seen some top sales organizations begin to embrace a more agile sales approach where salespeople are taught multiple sales strategies that can be used in different situations. In fact, we've even designed a new training program that puts 'selling agility' as the main objective; it's designed to help salespeople be fluent in different ways to sell.

*Is anyone already using this approach? Do you have any real-world proof that it works?*

They are, yes. We recently worked with a major industrial supply company that wanted to help their salespeople be more agile in their approach to selling. We identified the key situations that these salespeople face on a regular basis and the strategies that have the highest chances of success in each. Then we launched a training program that teaches reps how to adjust across situations and the results have been dramatic. In the first year, the company achieved an 8% growth rate against a 4% growth target.

Won't this more 'agile' approach to selling substantially complicate sales management and coaching?

No, in fact quite the opposite is true. By building agility in sales approaches based on different situations, sales managers have a more prescriptive set of factors to coach. Part of coaching is diagnosing where reps are struggling in their approach to sales. The agility approach to selling strategy allows managers to think through whether a rep's inability to move a sale forward is due to misidentification of the selling opportunity or is due to the inability to execute the right sales strategy. In some ways, it creates a coaching checklist that managers can use to determine where reps are getting stuck in specific types of opportunities.

The only people whose world it might complicate is L&D professionals. If they want to do right for their sales teams, they can no longer buy off-the-shelf training programs or even deploy customized solutions that are straight-line sales processes. The burden is on them to identify the common situations that their salespeople face and then assemble a training program that builds the agility required to succeed in each.

How does technology such as CRM or Artificial Intelligence play into this discussion?

I think that CRM and AI systems can be very important in helping companies identify the types of opportunities or situations they face regularly. These systems can alert management when it appears that new situations are emerging in the market as well. Finally, these systems can become dynamic coaches to salespeople by providing a set of suggested steps the salesperson should take based on the situation. As always, technology can be a great enabler of better selling—sales agility is no different. ▲

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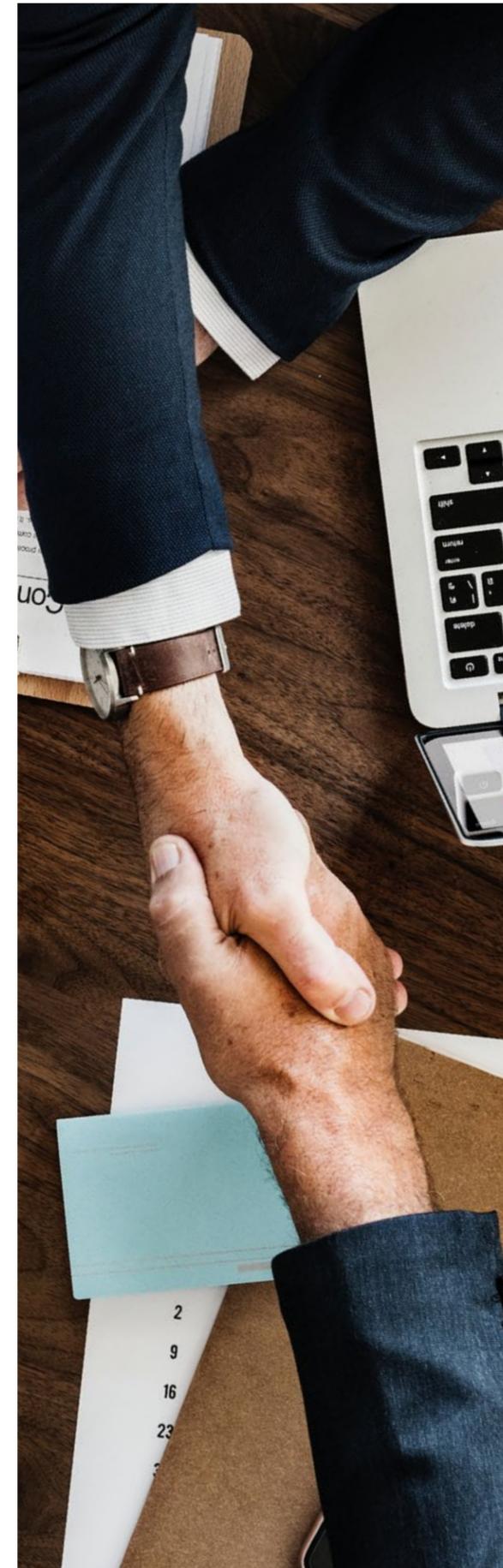
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# SUCCESSFULLY ACTIVATING CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS WITH UNIVERSITY SALES CENTERS

Hiring strong sales talent is a critical success factor for business-to-business (B2B) organizations. To fulfill the market's talent needs, a growing number of university sales programs are preparing students for complex B2B sales exchanges (see SEF listing 2019). Not surprisingly, Peter Drucker's 1996 prediction of the growth of corporate-university partnerships is today's reality.

Corporate-university partnerships represent inter-firm agreements aimed at achieving competitive advantage for both partners, therefore establishing and maintaining such relationships is important work. To create a strong partnership for mutual value requires concerted effort by the corporate partner and the university's sales program leader. How do these stakeholders work effectively together to ensure successful activation of the corporate-university partnership?



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## CORPORATE PERSPECTIVE:



IF THE CORPORATE PARTNER WISHES TO INCREASE THE FIRM'S PERCEIVED VALUE TO THE UNIVERSITY, **CONSIDER HOW YOU MIGHT HELP FACULTY WITH RESEARCH IDEAS AND/OR ACCESS TO DATA.**

Corporate partners establish recruiting goals for their partnerships and must justify the ROI of their financial commitment. As executives activate these partnerships, they must navigate three key areas where their approach/perspective might differ from academicians: (1) objectives, (2) timing expectations, and (3) communications. Corporate objectives for such partnerships center on increased exposure to “top sales talent” to address their firm’s talent needs. While center directors are interested in placing students, faculty are also evaluated on research productivity. Consequently, corporate partners can be viewed as an important source for research ideas/data. “We discuss relevant trends and issues on an ongoing basis with our Corporate Partners, often resulting in joint research projects,” offers Dr. Alexander Haas, Director-Justus Liebig University’s Center for Sales Research (Germany). “Sales centers must be doing research that is relevant to their corporate partners and that cutting-edge research informs the classroom,” reports Dr. Deva Rangarajan, Director-Center for Professional Selling, Ball State University.

Timing expectations must be navigated as well. Industry players typically think in quarterly timeframes whereas the academy operates on slightly longer time horizons. Faculty expect partners to engage in long-term brand-building efforts and avoid “mishaps” that impact short-term attraction. Leaders of various sales programs want corporate partners to understand these timing differences

as Dr. Terry W. Loe, Director-External Relations for Kennesaw State’s-Center for Professional Selling, reports, “Recruiting from university sales programs is different from what recruiters are accustomed to and there is a learning curve. Our students have extremely high placement rates because they are better prepared for and want a sales career. Recruiting sales program students is akin to colleges recruiting top athletes. Students will receive several offers, so companies must take a longer-term perspective, build their brand on campus, and develop relationships with students and sales faculty.” Dr. Charles Ragland, Executive Director, Indiana University’s Center for Global Sales Leadership, concurs, “We recommend a three-year time horizon for corporate partner engagement.” Successful corporate partners understand timing and serendipity, “While we were lucky to recruit a brilliant sales student at our first event, we were prepared to invest in our relationship with JLU’s Center for Sales Research to create the necessary momentum,” according to Weiss Technik’s Director Nico Gotthardt.

If corporations have established key performance indicators (KPIs) for measuring university partnership success, executives need to share those KPIs with their university partners. In fact, open communications between both parties is imperative for a true partnership. Tony Crisci, a Recruiter for Penske Truck Leasing offers, “We have had opportunities to discuss the hires we have made, and the ways that we can help the program as well.”



AS PARTNERS ENGAGE WITH UNIVERSITIES, **CANDIDLY DISCUSS WITH YOUR UNIVERSITY PARTNERS HOW LONG THEY PREDICT IT WILL TAKE TO BUILD INTEREST AND MOMENTUM WITH STUDENTS.** LOOK TO GARNER BEST PRACTICES FROM FACULTY/PARTNERS WHO HAVE WORKED WITH THIS UNIVERSITY AND ITS STUDENTS LONGER THAN YOU HAVE.

## SALES PROGRAM LEADER PERSPECTIVE:



SALES PROGRAM LEADERS WHO PLACE VALUE ON FORMAL AND INFORMAL FEEDBACK ARE MORE LIKELY TO **CREATE STRONGER, LONGER-TERM CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS.**



PRIOR TO RE-ACTIVATING OR RENEWING A CORPORATE PARTNER THAT ISN'T A GOOD FIT, PROGRAM LEADERS SHOULD ENGAGE SUCH PARTNERS IN AN OPEN DIALOGUE CONCERNING THE VALUE OF THE PARTNERSHIP TO BOTH PARTIES.



UNIVERSITIES OPERATING WITH A **CONSISTENT AND WELL-ORCHESTRATED COMMUNICATIONS PLAN** MAKE IT EASIER FOR THEIR CORPORATE PARTNERS TO ACTIVATE THEIR PARTNERSHIPS AND ENGAGE THEIR EXECUTIVES.

University sales program leaders must acquire financial support for their programs, engage corporations for student development (e.g., job shadows) and place students. As program leaders consider the corporate partner activation process, they must orchestrate processes to: (1) communicate information and engage executives, (2) assess perceived vs. desired benefits gained by partner organizations, and (3) manage “out” partners who are not a good match. Since corporate representatives engage with multiple universities, sales program leaders must plan activities well in advance, so they can engage executives from their corporate partners. An example from Dr. Blake Nielson, Treasurer-University Sales Center Alliance and Chair-Weber State University’s Department of Professional Sales: “We have partners who travel from all over the country to recruit our students. It is imperative to schedule at least one semester ahead and to stack events when possible. A simple example: we couple our partner board meeting with our main recruiting event.”

Sales program leaders will want to gather data on gaps occurring between perceived and desired benefits from the corporate partners’ perspective. Formal surveys provide a systematic way to gather anonymous feedback. Ensuring that corporate partners can provide informal feedback through one-on-one conversations is another vehicle for activating corporate partner relationships. President of the USCA, Dr. Jimmy Peltier, who leads the Institute for Sales Excellence at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater,

recommends, “Survey corporate partners on an annual or semi-annual basis as a means of establishing benchmarks and measuring against these benchmarks over time. Qualitative and quantitative feedback from corporate partners is critical for running effective university sales centers. Ask what is important to partners and how the sales program can help.” Advisory boards play a critical role in this feedback process, as Chuck Howlett, Director-Professional Sales Program, Northern Illinois University, states, “At our sales advisory board meeting, I review our business goals and ask committees to challenge curricula and brainstorm areas to improve student market readiness.”

A difficult path that sales program leaders must walk is that of “exiting” a corporate partner who isn’t a good fit for the university’s sales program. Sometimes the lack of fit stems from a partner’s lack of engagement in the partnership activities. Other times, the partner’s opportunity fails to resonate with students in the program. “It is very difficult to tell a non-competitive corporate partner that they will not be able to attract our program’s top sales talent. Nevertheless, since we hold this candid discussion before signing a given partner, corporate partners seldom get angry. Rather, most partners who experience a misalignment professionally exit the program and often follow our advice regarding other schools that may have graduates more in line with their corporate opportunities,” notes Dr. Timothy Heinze, Executive Director, Seufferlein Sales Program, California State University-Chico.

## KEY LESSONS FOR ACTIVATING CORPORATE-SALES CENTER PARTNERSHIPS

Our goal is to create stronger understanding of the players’ priorities in the corporate-sales center partnership exchange. Recognizing that the corporate partner and university sales program leader bring different perspectives to the partnership is the first step toward stronger partnership activation. To ensure successful activation of the corporate-university partnership, participants must

### 1. ENSURE

a mutually beneficial strategy and equity in the partnership,

### 2. MAINTAIN

an open dialogue allowing for idea sharing,

### 3. BE FLEXIBLE

and collaborative to maximize the impact for university sales programs, corporate partners, and the next generation of sales professionals. ▲

# Diversifying the Sales Force:

## Filling the Gender Gap in Sales

### IN SPITE OF EVIDENCE WHICH SUPPORTS SUCCESS FOR WOMEN IN SALES, AND COMPANIES RECOGNIZING THE VALUE OF A DIVERSE SALES FORCE, THE NUMBER OF WOMEN EMBARKING ON SALES CAREERS HAS REMAINED FLAT.

According to a recent Forbes article, “Why We Need More Women in Sales” (January 2018), the sales profession has seen only a 3% increase in the number of women within the last decade. Perhaps the first step in increasing the number of women pursuing sales careers is to increase the number of women in university sales courses. To this end, the University of Cincinnati experimented with our sales curriculum to generate women’s interest in taking a sales class. We believed that if we could get college women to enroll in a sales class—where they could learn the skill set for sales success and gain confidence in their abilities—more college women would consider sales a viable career.

With the help of a higher education grant from Procter & Gamble, a new experimental course, “Women in Sales” was developed. A three prong approach was undertaken. First, the title of the course, “Women in Sales,” along with word-of-mouth promoting the class as a place where women could develop their unique skill set, attracted women and a few men to enroll. Second, to build confidence in their sales skills, the class format was heavily weighted with experiential learning activities which included both in class practice and out of class assignments. Third, to build resiliency and reduce fear of failing—both critical skills for sales success—a resiliency assignment was created.

As anticipated, the course title did indeed attract women, and a few men, to the course: not because the women were interested in sales, but because they were intrigued by a business course for women. The underlying premise for the course was that women have different communication and leadership styles than men, and we wanted to give women the chance to practice with their unique leadership style. As one woman wrote “...I learned that women have the capabilities to excel in sales, not just men. Since women know how to listen and ask empathetic questions, our strategies can sometimes be more effective than men’s strategies.”

What we did not anticipate, but found pleasantly surprising, was how the conversation changed when a business class was composed of predominately women. Women were no longer hesitant to speak up in class and consequently, lengthy class discussions ensued. In fact, it was sometimes difficult to get through the course material because the women were talking so much, a sharp contrast to behavior observed from women in traditional sales classes.

Gender differences were also observed at the culminating sales role play activity. While men in the traditional sales class were competitive, the women would collaborate and encourage each other to do their best. In addition, the women asked challenging questions that never arose in the traditional sales course. As one woman noted, “It can be hard being a woman in the business field, and I feel that is much overlooked... This class gave me open space to address these concerns and get them answered while learning about ones that I had not even had to think of yet.”



One of the interesting things about offering a sales class for women was the positive effect it had on men who took the course. While men are welcome to enroll, usually only one or two elect to take the course. As one male student noted, some of the most successful sellers in his organization were women. To become a successful sales leader, he needed to understand how to partner with, promote, and motivate his female colleagues.

In addition, men taking the Women in Sales class have become strong advocates for women entering the sales force. The women were equally impressed with the men who enrolled in the class. As one woman noted,

**“Throughout the semester, I got to experience women breaking stereotypes and empowering one another. I also got to see men be put into a position where they can see things from our perspective, helping them to be colleagues with us.”**

The class promoted a positive experience for everyone.

To gain confidence in their sales skills, the course emphasized experiential learning with mini sales practice sessions incorporated into every class meeting. In addition a new assignment was devised to help women increase their resiliency and have courage to not fear failure—life-skills that are critical for success in sales. The goal of this assignment was to help women learn to get over failure quickly and move forward to try again. One woman wrote, “The most important thing that I have learned is to be resilient. I am so thankful that we had to write resiliency journals this year; it has taught me how to bounce back and that failure isn’t always a bad thing.”

Pre-class/post-class assessments corroborated the women’s self-reports. Exploratory research found that women in the class increased their level of resiliency to those equivalent to men (closed the gender gap in resiliency), reduced their fear of failure (statistically

significant), and had greater confidence in their ability to sell as compared to men who completed the traditional sales course. Based on the success in helping women learn resiliency, the assignment is now included in the traditional sales class as well and has met with similar success.

As a result of starting a sales class for women, the number of women enrolling in a sales class and considering a sales career has increased on our campus. Based on their positive experience with the women’s sales course, more women are enrolling in subsequent sales courses: thus increasing the quality and quantity of our sales program. The success of this course has attracted national attention.

Finally, as predicted, more women from our campus are pursuing sales careers. As one woman noted: “Prior to this class, I never expected myself to be pursuing a career in sales, I was mostly just curious about the class. But because of this class, I got my first internship in sales this past summer. Now, as result of that, this upcoming summer I will be working as a sales intern in Denver.”

While the Women in Sales course was designed to help undergraduate women, it turns out everyone—men, women, sales organizations, and our sales program—all benefited from this course. Encouraging women in sales benefits everyone. ▲



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# UNIVERSITY SALES COMPETITIONS



## Unique Events Showcase the Next Generation of Sales Professionals

University sales competitions provide opportunities for professional sales students to showcase their talents while networking with fellow students and potential employers. Some competitions focus on regional attendance, while many others have become international in nature, attracting students all over the world. These events vary in format, from role-play, team selling and speed selling, to “elevator pitch” exercises. Sales competitions are “the” premier venue for top sales organizations to meet the future generation of Sales professionals and see them in action.

University Sales students recognize these events are opportunities to refine their classroom skills in highly competitive environments. Top sales organizations send representatives to serve as judges, prospects or buyers. Many competitions include corporate mixers, career fairs and networking events. Recent additions to the landscape focus on first and second year students and feature bilingual competition.

To find out more about each of the listed competitions, contact the individuals at the various events.

<p>FEBRUARY, 2020 TBD</p> <p><b>Arizona Collegiate Sales Competition (ACSC)</b></p> <p>ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY</p>	<p>ACSC features a sales role play, speed-selling, and a 60-second visume (submitted in advance). The sales role play consists of three rounds and serves as a warm-up to the National Collegiate Sales Competition. Sales professionals serve as buyers and judges for the role play competition, and judge the speed selling and visume competitions. Students participate in a career networking event. This year's competition included 9 universities and was held at Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ.</p> <p>YEAR FOUNDED: 2016      Contact: Detra Montoya, <a href="mailto:detra.montoya@asu.edu">detra.montoya@asu.edu</a></p> <p><a href="https://wpcarey.asu.edu/marketing-degrees/calendar-of-events">https://wpcarey.asu.edu/marketing-degrees/calendar-of-events</a></p>
<p>SEPTEMBER 24, 2019</p> <p><b>Ball State University Regional Sales Competition</b></p> <p>BALL STATE UNIVERSITY</p>	<p>The BSU Regional Sales Competition serves as a warm-up for the National Collegiate Sales Competition (NCSC). BSU offers 2 competition tracks—developmental and competitive. Competitors engage in a fifteen-minute sales call role-play with a business executive and receive performance feedback from industry professionals immediately following their sales calls. Industry professionals and sales experts participate as judges and buyers during the competition. The highest scoring performers (competitive track) advance to a second round role play.</p> <p>ADDITIONAL EVENTS: Cash prizes are offered to the top finishers competing in the competitive role play track. The competition also features a mixer/networking dinner along with bowling and billiards on Monday evening with the full-day competition on Tuesday.</p> <p>YEAR FOUNDED: 2003      CONTACT: Deva Rangarajan, <a href="mailto:salescenter@bsu.edu">salescenter@bsu.edu</a> Julie Eiser, <a href="mailto:jeiser@bsu.edu">jeiser@bsu.edu</a></p> <p><a href="http://salescenter.wix.com/bsu-competition">http://salescenter.wix.com/bsu-competition</a></p>
<p>MAY 22-23, 2019</p> <p><b>Salesforce European Sales Competition (ESC)</b></p> <p>AVANS UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCE, NETHERLANDS</p>	<p>As part of an initiative to increase the attractiveness of B2B sales focused university programs in Europe and at the same time push excellence in sales to the next level, the 2019 ESC will bring together 80 sales majors from 20 European universities to compete centrally on a Salesforce sales case and a speed selling game.</p> <p>YEAR FOUNDED: 2013      CONTACT: Mickel Dielissen, <a href="mailto:hw.dielissen@avans.nl">hw.dielissen@avans.nl</a> Timo Holopainen, <a href="mailto:timo.holopainen@turkuamk.fi">timo.holopainen@turkuamk.fi</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.europeansalescompetition.com/">https://www.europeansalescompetition.com/</a></p>
<p>FEBRUARY 27-29, 2020</p> <p><b>Global Bilingual Sales Competition (GBSC)</b></p> <p>FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY</p>	<p>FIU's Global Bilingual Sales Competition is the only event of its' kind, bringing students from across the globe to compete in both English and Spanish. The competition consists of simulated role plays in which students sell to a buyer from a global organization. Students must conduct sales calls in English only, Spanish only, and English/Spanish. The role plays are conducted in FIU's Global Sales Lab, housing 12 rooms with recording capabilities. Judges and Sponsors have access to live videos.</p> <p>ADDITIONAL EVENTS: Global Exchange, elevator pitch competition and speed networking; Off-campus, sponsor-hosted networking.</p> <p>YEAR FOUNDED: 2016      CONTACT: Dr. Nancy Rauseo, <a href="mailto:xrauseon@fiu.edu">xrauseon@fiu.edu</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.fiu-gbsc.com/">https://www.fiu-gbsc.com/</a></p>
<p>NOVEMBER 6-9, 2019</p> <p><b>International Collegiate Sales Competition (ICSC)</b></p> <p>FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY</p>	<p>Held at the Caribe Royal Resort in Orlando, FL, ICSC the largest university sales competition. The 2019 event features 80 universities, competing for the “Grand Slam” award. Universities accumulate points in B2B role-play, sales management case and speed selling competitions plus points for participating in the career fair. Coaches and competitors get complimentary tickets to Disney World.</p> <p>ADDITIONAL EVENTS: Career Fair with over 40 Recruiting Companies; Complimentary tickets to Theme Park for students and coaches.</p> <p>YEAR FOUNDED: 2011      CONTACT: Pat Pallentino, <a href="mailto:ppallentino@fsu.edu">ppallentino@fsu.edu</a></p> <p><a href="http://fsusalesinstitute.com/icsc">http://fsusalesinstitute.com/icsc</a></p>

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<p>MARCH, 2020 TBD</p> <p><b>Redbird Regional Sales Competition (RRSC)</b></p> <p>ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY</p>	<p>Meet up to 56 amazing sales students from 15+ sales programs. Be a mock buyer, or be a Judge in four sales role play rounds. You determine the winner! These students are all prepping for the NCSC so here's your chance to meet them before NCSC. Plus you'll meet 25+ Sales Excellence Academy student volunteers.</p>	
	<p><b>ADDITIONAL EVENTS:</b> Thursday evening networking—Bowling &amp; Billiards, Friday, 3 rounds &amp; final, breakout panel, all day recruiting station, awards ceremony—all in one day! Sponsor facilitated breakout session, station recruiters in the networking atrium, meet your next super star!</p>	
	<p>YEAR FOUNDED: 2018</p>	<p>UNIVERSITIES CONTACT: Duleep Delpechitre, dsdelpe@ilstu.edu COMPANIES CONTACT: Michael Boehm, mboehm@ilstu.edu (309-438-2954)</p>
	<p><a href="https://business.illinoisstate.edu/psi/rrsc/">https://business.illinoisstate.edu/psi/rrsc/</a></p>	

<p>MARCH 27-30, 2020</p> <p><b>National Collegiate Sales Competition (NCSC)</b></p> <p>KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY</p>	<p>NCSC, the oldest and largest university sales competition, includes universities from North America and Europe. The format is an elimination style tournament of 20 minute Sales Call Role-Plays and five rounds of competition. Industry professionals and sales experts from academia participate as judges and industry professionals serve as prospects/buyers throughout the event. Prior to NCSC, sponsors are provided resumes of all participating sales candidates and access to competition recordings post-event for a limited time.</p>	
	<p><b>ADDITIONAL EVENTS:</b> A sponsor exclusive sales career expo runs in conjunction with the first two days of competition. An informal networking event is held that includes food, music, games, billiards and bowling. The Final four are announced during the networking event. The Championship Round and NCSC Awards Banquet are held on the final day.</p>	
	<p>YEAR FOUNDED: 1998</p>	<p>CONTACT: Dr. Terry W. Loe, tloe@kennesaw.edu Ms. Mary Foster, mfoster@kennesaw.edu</p>
	<p><a href="http://www.NCSC-ksu.org">www.NCSC-ksu.org</a></p>	

<p>NOVEMBER 20-22, 2019</p> <p><b>National Sales Challenge (NSC)</b></p> <p>WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY</p>	<p>NSC Role-Play Competition: Students engage in a fifteen-minute sales call role-play with a business executive. This segment has two rounds and a final. Speed-Sell: Students create a two-minute sales pitch about themselves. The 3-day competition is held at the state-of-the-art Russ Berrie Institute for Professional Sales Labs with judges drawn exclusively from the industry. Sponsored by leading corporations, the event also features corporate presentations and job interviews.</p>	
	<p><b>ADDITIONAL EVENTS:</b> Table-Talk: Features executives in a small group setting. Participants are encouraged to attend – this may be used to break ties. Corporate Presentations: Companies present career opportunities at pre-assigned slots. Companies also may invite students to assigned interview rooms. NSC also features a high energy boot camp conducted by senior sales executives in a small group, interactive setting.</p>	
	<p>YEAR FOUNDED: 2007</p>	<p>CONTACT: Lisa Wright, WrightE@wpunj.edu Prabakar 'PK' Kothandaraman, kothandaraman@wpunj.edu</p>
	<p><a href="http://rbisaleschallenge.wpunj.edu/">http://rbisaleschallenge.wpunj.edu/</a></p>	

<p>OCTOBER 23-25, 2019</p> <p><b>National Team Selling Competition (NTSC)</b></p> <p>INDIANA UNIVERSITY KELLEY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS</p>	<p>NTSC is a premier team selling competition that attracts undergraduate sales students from America's leading universities who wish to pursue high-level, complex sales careers. Altria and 3M develop the case, role-play as buyers and senior management, and serve as judges. Cash prizes: 1st place, \$3,000; 2nd place, \$2,000; 3rd place, \$1,000. Two networking receptions are included for all participants..</p>	
	<p>YEAR FOUNDED: 2006</p>	<p>CONTACT: Sonya Dunigan, ntsc@indiana.edu</p>
	<p><a href="http://gokelley.iu.edu/ntsc">gokelley.iu.edu/ntsc</a></p>	

<p>NOVEMBER 1-2, 2019</p> <p><b>Northeast Intercollegiate Sales Competition (NISC)</b></p> <p>BRYANT UNIVERSITY</p>	<p>Join us! The NISC prepares students for sales careers by providing individualized immediate feedback from sales professionals in written and verbal format during the tournament-style four-round sales competition (5 compete per school) and multilingual elevator pitch competitions (up to 60 compete per school). Try improv-training to promote adaptive selling and celebrate with your new friends Friday evening. Up to three complimentary hotel rooms provided Friday for 25 universities.</p>	
	<p><b>ADDITIONAL EVENTS:</b> Social Media Competition, e-pitch competition (English, Spanish, French, Italian), live product/ case training with the company, networking/recruiting lunch, bowling, karaoke, networking, awards ceremony, skill-building, improv and faculty sessions to advance sales education.</p>	
	<p>YEAR FOUNDED: 2012</p>	<p>CONTACT: Stefanie Boyer, sboyer@bryant.edu</p>
	<p><a href="http://nisc.bryant.edu/">http://nisc.bryant.edu/</a></p>	

<p>Regional conferences held each Fall; National Convention held each April.</p> <p><b>PRO-AM SELL-A-THON®</b></p> <p>PSE REGIONAL LOCATIONS</p>	<p>The Pro-Am Sell-a-Thon® is a year-long national sales competition open to all collegiate members of Pi Sigma Epsilon (PSE). There is no limit to the number of participants per school. The first round competition is held at four regional conferences and includes prizes for first and second place. The second and final rounds of competition are held during the PSE National Convention in the spring. Prior to each regional and national competition, students must review sales modules from Carew International and set an appointment that is scored. Carew provides additional training to students and professionals who serve as coaches. Students and coaches spend time refining the 12 minute, B2B, sales call role plays.</p>	
	<p><b>ADDITIONAL EVENTS:</b> Regional conferences—Networking Reception and Career Fair. National competition—Networking Reception and Career Fair.</p>	
	<p>YEAR FOUNDED: 1952</p>	<p>CONTACT: Joan Rogala, CEO, joan.rogala@pse.org</p>
	<p><a href="http://www.pse.org">www.pse.org</a></p>	

<p>OCTOBER 26, 2019</p> <p><b>Steel City Sales Challenge (SCSC)</b></p> <p>DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY</p>	<p>University sales education impacts sales career success, and the Steel City Sales Challenge, a regional experiential sales competition hosted by the Center for Leadership in Professional Selling at Duquesne University, provides an opportunity for students to gain experience in business-to-business professional selling with feedback from experienced sales professionals. Registration is limited to 30 students who compete in a preliminary sales role-play competition round, with top scorers moving on to a final sales role-play round.</p>	
	<p><b>ADDITIONAL EVENTS:</b> The SCSC experience includes lunch, networking, an awards ceremony, and up to \$5000 in scholarships.</p>	
	<p>YEAR FOUNDED: 2017</p>	<p>CONTACT: Paul Caswell, caswellp@duq.edu</p>
	<p><a href="http://www.duq.edu/academics/schools/business/undergraduate/academics/minors/sales/steel-city-sales-challenge">http://www.duq.edu/academics/schools/business/undergraduate/academics/minors/sales/steel-city-sales-challenge</a></p>	

<p>OCTOBER 24-26, 2019</p> <p><b>The Great Northwoods Sales Warm-Up</b></p> <p>UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE</p>	<p>The Great Northwoods Sales Warm-Up is the first, highly personalized, competition of the year. We invite approximately 20 universities (3 students each) from across the country. We take pride in the quality of sales programs attracted to our event over the past 12 years. Our goal is to have students work hard but also have fun along the way. Students are guaranteed to participate in two 20-minute role plays to sponsor's sales personnel and receive immediate feedback from the sponsor judges.</p>	
	<p><b>ADDITIONAL EVENTS:</b> The Warm-Up also includes a full day career fair that runs in conjunction with the competition.</p>	
	<p>YEAR FOUNDED: 2007</p>	<p>CONTACT: Bob Erffmeyer, erffmerc@uwec.edu Jessica Gardner, gardnejj@uwec.edu</p>
	<p><a href="http://www.uwecsaleswarmup.com/">http://www.uwecsaleswarmup.com/</a></p>	

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**MARCH, 2020 TBD**

**UK University Sales Competition (UKUSC)**  
EDINBURGH NAPIER UNIVERSITY SCOTLAND

Academics/ Coaches and students from 15 Universities across the UK (and representative Universities from the USA) will take part. Selling skills and sales competencies of the student competitors are assessed in a business-to-business role plays. The product for sale is a Gartner product/service. Gartner is the main sponsor. The event is attracting over 55 students and is supported by Gartner, Textron, Salesforce, APS, ISM and I-Connect.

**ADDITIONAL EVENTS:** The UKUSC will include in addition to the sales role-play element, networking opportunities via a SpeedSell ice breaker event. The keynote speaker is Professor Neil Rackham who will also conduct a seminar for Sales Academics/ Coaches.

YEAR FOUNDED: 2018      CONTACT: Tony Douglas, t.douglas@napier.ac.uk

<http://www.ukuniversitiesalescompetition.co.uk/>

**FEBRUARY 20-22, 2020**

**University of Toledo Invitational Sales Competition (UTISC)**  
UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO

UTISC is the nation's first and only national sales competition to focus exclusively on juniors, sophomores, and freshmen and is uniquely positioned to help sponsors proactively balance their national sales talent pipeline across 36 universities. The tournament style competition has a Junior Division and a Sophomore/Freshman Division so the competition and recruitment are transparent and fair. This year's Junior Division contains next year's seniors; FIND—THEM—FIRST! This format helps universities engage and develop more students and earlier so they can grow enrollments.

**ADDITIONAL EVENTS:** Coaching/Interviewing sessions pair up the competitors and alternates with different sponsors three times during the event, concurrent career fair, faculty/sponsor reception, awards reception, and social entertainment. Resumes and contacts sent two weeks in advance.

YEAR FOUNDED: 2016      CONTACT: Deirdre Jones, Director, deirdre.jones@utoledo.edu

<http://www.utoledo.edu/business/essps/utisc/>

**OCTOBER 19, 2019**

**West Virginia University Regional Sales Competition**  
WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

The WVU Sales Competition is open to students from West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio. Students compete in a role play exercise judged by working sales professionals. The top finishing students advance to a second round role play while all other students participate in an elevator pitch exercise. All competitors and faculty coaches enjoy a complimentary lunch and post competition reception. Registration will open August 1, 2018.

YEAR FOUNDED: 2013      CONTACT: Dr. Michael Walsh, Michael.walsh@mail.wvu.edu

<https://business.wvu.edu/wvu-sales-competition>

**LATE FEBRUARY, 2020 TBD**

**Bayou Sales Challenge (BSC)**  
NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY

In Thibodaux, Louisiana, the 16th annual BSC is the region's most competitive sales challenge drawing students from Alabama, Florida, and Louisiana. Five total rounds comprise the elimination style match whereby both individuals and university teams win out 15-minute role-plays. Utilizing the sales lab's technology, all role-plays are recorded and shared with competitors and coaches. Industry professionals from local and national companies serve as the competition's customers and judges.

**ADDITIONAL EVENTS:** Two panel discussions (sales wisdom and role-play advice), seated by industry professionals, kick off the event before heading to a collegiate networking social. Alternates can compete in the new Team Selling Competition. The Bayou Sales Career Fair rounds out the event before a luncheon awards banquet.

YEAR FOUNDED: 2003      CONTACT: Laura Valenti, Laura.Valenti@Nicholls.edu  
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[www.BayouSalesChallenge.com](http://www.BayouSalesChallenge.com)

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