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# Case example: Sales Capability Building as a Transformation Enabler

#### **EXAMPLE PROGRAM – TAILORED FOR CLIENT'S SPECIFIC NEEDS**

#### **Context**

- B2B sales organization facing consistent y-o-y revenue decline
- GTM transformation to reorganized enterpriselevel sales segments around ~4 priority industry verticals
- Two core challenges facing frontline sellers
  - Need to build consultative selling skills (historically focused on pushing product offerings)
  - Change management related to GTM reorg/ disruption

## **Approach**

**Multi-channel certification journey** – mix of elearning modules to teach industry basics and inperson workshops to teach selling skills

Experiential content tailored to the sales motion – case based approach; "voice of the buyer" video series

Manager-led & sales owned – managers have their own unique learning journey with a specific role as "faculty-coaches" for the frontline program

Linked to commercial activities – field commitments that translate in-workshop learnings to real client situations

### **Impact**

- ~1,300+ sellers and their managers successfully completed program
- As of 1H 2018, Industry Verticals business unit beat plan for the first time in 2+ years
- ~90% of participants would recommend program to colleague
- ~90% of participants stated that manager coaching and feedback enhanced the learning

# Lessons learned for future deployments

- Ensure owner for field commitments tracking at program launch
- Consistently reinforce sales as the "owner" of the program (vs. L&D)

SOURCE: McKinsey Product Management Case

