

New Employee Onboarding Checklist for Supervisors

This checklist provides clear guidance for the onboarding of an employee throughout their first year and is a companion to our [Supervisor onboarding toolkit](#) web pages. Supervisors are expected to navigate these progressive milestones with their employees.

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Employee Name	Phone	E-mail	Start Date
Employee ID	Position Number	Employee Title	
Supervisor Name	Unit/Dept. Name	Worksite Location	

Section 1. Preparing for Your New Employee's Arrival: Before the First Day

If you have questions about a specific item, first ask your manager for clarification. You can also contact the campus unit that oversees the specific function/process/procedure.

Note: Ensure employee attends their First Day Onboarding Session to complete appropriate paperwork. This should occur **before** the employee reports to their work location.

Communication

- Confirm acceptance of the formal job offer with Talent Acquisition
- Address conditions of employment (as applicable)
- Acquaint your new employee with your department/campus and provide critical first-day information (e.g. onboarding, parking, where to go, what to bring, schedule, etc.). For more information, check the [Supervisor Onboarding Toolkit](#).

Work Environment

Location & Setup (as applicable)

- Prepare space and furniture
- Prepare a name plate
- Gather basic supplies and equipment
- Order keys or access card
- Order name badge and business cards
- Order uniforms, protective clothing, and equipment
- Label mailbox
- Update phone lists, department directories, databases, organizational charts
- Prepare welcome sign, welcome packet, and other department items (e.g. potted plant, department mug, etc.)

Computer Setup & IT Services

- Prepare Workstation:
 - Submit an IT Request (itrequest.ucsc.edu) ticket if need be (or to the ticketing system used in your unit if you happen to be in SOE or SocSci).

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- If purchasing a new computer, [purchase information](#) can be found on-line. Consult with your division/ department to see if they have a different procedure for computer purchases.
- New office: Your facilities coordinator can [request a network jack and telephone to be installed](#).
- Telephone services: Have your facilities coordinator request a name change on the existing telephone or order a new phone if necessary
- If applicable, arrange for mobile devices (e.g. cell phone, pager, radio).
- [Review Records Access Notice](#)

Getting Connected

- Send an email announcement about your new hire
- [Schedules](#)
- Itinerary for the first week
- Establish meetings with key personnel

Department-Specific Items

- Check your Div/Dept Specific Checklist for required action items

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Introductions

- Plan for first day
- Greet upon arrival
- Explain and discuss Department vision, mission, and relationship to employee's job
- Introduce new employee to Department head and teammates
- Propose to have lunch with new employee and teammates

Work Environment

- Tour of:
 - Assigned work area
 - Restrooms - include all-gender list for reference
 - Storage or resource materials and supplies
 - Common areas
 - Office equipment

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- Mail boxes
- Building access and security measures
- Issue of keys (building, office, desk, files) or access card/ID badge
- Tour Environmental Health & Safety's [Injury and Illness Prevention Program](#) website and review the program [Departmental Plan](#)
- Explain Transportation tips and parking options
- Explain Office equipment use
- Issue Copy card or arrange for copying/printing access
- Explain [Telephone system and etiquette](#)
- Provide Staff list
- Allow for time to set up work area utilizing the ergo self assessment guide
- Office Ergonomics: To sign up for the training and self assessment, go to [UCSC online ergonomics training](#).

Requesting and Using IT Services

- [No action required / Informational] E-mail account: CruzID with e-mail access is delivered 3-5 days after entry into UCPath
- Active Directory account (if appropriate): submit an IT Request ticket [\[Active Directory account request page\]](#)
- Discuss email, calendar and internet protocol as appropriate
- [Google Training classes](#)
- [Acceptable Use Policy](#), [Access to Information](#) and [Records Access Notice](#) as appropriate
- [Computer and information security](#)
- Department's website and intranet
- [Technical support](#)

Policies, Procedures and Paperwork**Wages and Time Reporting**

- Discuss hours of operation, work schedules, rest periods, workplace flexibility
- Explain how to report time and request time off
- Explain Absence from Work policy
- Discuss salary, overtime, shift and weekend differential, incentive awards
- Explain pay periods and paychecks
- Explain merit eligibility and cycles

Administrative Items

- Provide Calendars (e.g. academic and general campus, administrative holidays, standing meetings, special events)
- Provide schedule of staff meetings and other team events (such as retreats)
- Obtain emergency contact information for your file
- Share information about staff appreciation events (such as picnic, holiday gathering)
- Explain mail services: Campus and US mail

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- Mandatory: Update campus directory ([see "how-to" guide here](#))
- Discuss dress and personal appearance standards
- Instruct employee to sign up for Cruz Alert
- Discuss telecommuting agreement (if applicable)
- Discuss remote access (if applicable)
- Discuss scent-free office (if applicable)

Safety Plans

- Review [campus safety and wellness information](#)
- Discuss emergency procedures

University Policies

- Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action Policy Regarding Academic and Staff Employment
- Sexual Harassment Prevention
- Substance Abuse
- Smoking
- Conflict of Interest
- Violence in the Workplace
- Improper Governmental Activities/Whistleblower Protection

Campus-Related Information

- Provide information about New Employee Benefits Orientation
- Discuss Principles of Community
- Discuss UC Ethical Values and Conduct
- Discuss UC & Campus Mission/Vision
- Show how to access other Department and division organizational charts
- Discuss Overall campus structure
- Explain what Diversity Resources are available

Training and Development

- Educational fee assistance
- Environmental Health and Safety and Emergency Management
- Sexual Harassment Education Program
- Staff Development and Professional Services
- Share information about Learning Center website and how to access trainings for development
- Promote Diversity and Inclusion Certificate

Performance Management

- Review job description and expectations
- Performance expectations and feedback



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- Who are your customers/clients? Discuss expectations for service levels and providing customer service
- Probationary Period (if applicable)
- Performance appraisal process

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Section 3. Learning the Routine: The First Month

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Outstanding To-Do's

- Make sure benefits enrollment and other paperwork has been completed within required open period
- Encourage new employee to check the [campus online directory](#) to make sure their name and contact information is correct
- Encourage new employee to check first paycheck information to ensure it reflects benefit plan choices, payroll deductions and personal information correctly

Training and Development

- Review progress on training plan
- Introduce/Review development plan

Performance Management

- Schedule 1:1 weekly or biweekly touch bases with your new employee
- Discuss assignments and timelines
- Provide instructions and resources
- Discuss goals and deliverables
- Discuss increasing scope and complexity of work
- Contact your Employee Relations Analyst if there are any significant performance/behavior concerns
- Suggest your employee keep track of duties and accomplishments for their annual self-appraisal

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Section 4. Mastering the Role: The First Six Months

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Training and Development

- Determine which [training and development courses](#) and programs your new employee should enroll in for the next six months (e.g. SHR T&D, UC Learning Center, other outside courses, professional organizations, etc.)
- Establish SMART goals
- Exposure to a variety of project types and different learning opportunities
- Promote networking opportunities
- Revisit department, division and [campus](#) mission statements

Performance Management

- Identify strengths and opportunities for growth and development
- Periodic review of performance expectations and deliverables
- Review [Pay for Performance](#) website
- Review [probationary period guidelines](#) and procedures
- Schedule conduct probationary appraisal meeting (at approx. 6 months)

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Section 5. Employee Engagement: The First Year

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Training and Development

- Identify mutually agreed-upon opportunities to directly enhance job satisfaction and performance
- Promote opportunities to interact with greater cross section of campus community
- Discuss which opportunities may be appropriate and how they fit into the strategic plan for the department
- Talk about professional development options offered through UCSC ([Training and Development](#))

Performance Management

- Understand performance expectations
- Review [UC Core Competencies](#)
- Review performance appraisal process and the [Pay for Performance Program](#)
- Summary of Accomplishments



Section 5. Employee Engagement: The First Year

Recognition

- Explore available recognition programs and awards

Campus Community Involvement

- Encourage your new employee to explore the wide array of opportunities for involvement in the interests, initiatives and activities of the greater campus community
 - [Staff Advisory Board](#)
 - Circulate [campus news](#) and communications
 - [Administrative Advisory Committees](#)
 - [UC Santa Cruz Friends Groups](#)
 - [Giving Day](#)
 - [Campus Cleanup Day](#)

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