

ALTERATIONS MANAGEMENT

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notes and questions				

meet your team



ON-FLOOR ACTIVITY

- **1.** Meet with each of your alterations associates individually and spend time getting to know them.
- **2.** Use the conversation starters below to facilitate the conversation.
- **3.** Make notes below, and discuss with your store manager at the end of your shift.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- What's your role / what do you do?
- · What do you like about your job?
- What aspect of your job do you feel you do really well?
- In what way can I support you as a manager?
- What are some of your interests outside of work?
- Do you have any questions for me?

ASSOCIATE NAME	ROLE
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NOTES

SOP manual review



ON-FLOOR ACTIVITY

- 1. Use the SOP manual to review the policies listed below.
- 2. Use the information in each policy to answer the questions below.
- **3.** Use your responses to complete the Knowledge Check in the myLearning app.

POLICIFS

- Selling and Service > Alterations > All Topics
- Selling and Service > Customer Satisfaction > Alterations Waived Log
- Winning Teams > Performance > Alterations Individual Productivity Report
- Winning Teams > Performance > Completing an Alterations Individual Productivity Report
- Winning Teams > Performance > Weekly Alterations Productivity Recap

OUESTIONS

- 1. How are garments on the work line organized?
 - a. by day, time, and month of next appointment
 - b. alphabetically by customer name
 - c. in order of how they came into the work room
 - d. none of these
- 2. What should you do if the customer is unable to pay in-full for the alterations at the time of her first fitting?
 - a. offer her to pay for part of the cost now and put the rest on layaway
 - b. remove all of the pins so the customer can take the garment home with her
 - c. lower the price of some of the items on the ticket
 - d. tell the customer she can pay when she picks up her garment

QUESTIONS (CON'T)

- **3.** When should a customer's alterations ticket be created?
 - a. before she arrives, so we are ready to serve her
 - b. after her gown is all pinned
 - c. when she picks up her gown
 - d. during her first fitting, while she is in her dress
- **4.** Which of the information below is NOT required on an alterations ticket?
 - a. heel height
 - b. bust measurement
 - c. customer weight
 - d. wear date
- **5.** Which copy of the alterations ticket does the customer receive?
 - a. pink copy
 - b. yellow copy
 - c. white copy
- **6.** What does the alterations associate write on the ticket next to each task as it is complete?
 - a. the associate's initials
 - b. the date the task was completed
 - c. how long it took to complete the task
 - d. the date the garment will be picked up

QUESTIONS (CON'T)

- **7.** What code is written on the Alterations Waived log if a garment is returned due to poor quality of work, late completion, or a task needs to be re-done?
 - a. CR
 - b. RFA
 - c. AMOS
 - d. WD
- **8.** If the price of an alterations task (like hemming) is \$35, how long should that task take to complete?
 - a. 70 minutes
 - b. 15 minutes
 - c. 17.5 minutes
 - d. 35 minutes
- **9.** How is the *Productivity* field calculated on the Individual Productivity Report?
 - a. by multiplying the *Total Job Minutes* by the *Actual Minutes Worked*
 - b. by subtracting the *Total Job Minutes* from the *Actual Minutes Worked*
 - c. by dividing the *Total Job Minutes* by the *Actual Minutes Worked*
 - d. by adding the *Total Job Minutes* to the *Actual Minutes Worked*
- **10.** What is the purpose of the Weekly Alterations Productivity Recap form?
 - a. to help balance payroll hours for the week
 - b. provide an at-a-glance view of the weekly productivity of your alterations room
 - c. to help track alterations tickets
 - d. to keep count of all the gowns on the work line

observe a CSR at the welcome desk



ON-FLOOR ACTIVITY

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- 1. Observe the CSR at the welcome desk for 60 minutes on a either a Tuesday or a Thursday.
- **2.** Pay special attention to how customers arriving for their first fittings are welcomed.
- **3.** Follow the CSR Observation Guide as you observe.
- **4.** Place a check mark next to each behavior on the observation guide as you observe it.
- **5.** Write down any questions you want to ask, or observations you want to share with your manager.
- 6. Discuss what you observed with your manager afterwards

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observe a bridal party appointment



ON-FLOOR ACTIVITY

OBSERVATIONS

- **1.** Observe a stylist work with a bridal appointment from the beginning (the consultation) to the end.
- 2. Follow the Stylist Observation Guide as you observe.
- **3.** Place a check mark next to each behavior on the observation guide as you observe it.
- **4.** Write down any questions you want to ask, or observations you want to share with your manager later.
- **5.** Discuss what you observed with your manager afterwards.

observe a bridal appointment



ON-FLOOR ACTIVITY

OBSERVATIONS

- **1.** Observe a stylist work with a bridal appointment from the beginning (the consultation) to the end.
- **2.** Follow the *Stylist Observation Guide* as you observe.
- **3.** Place a check mark next to each behavior on the observation guide as you observe it.
- **4.** Write down any questions you want to ask, or observations you want to share with your manager later.
- 5. Discuss what you observed with your manager afterwards

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learn the opening routines



ON-FLOOR ACTIVITY

NOTES

- **1.** Access the Alterations Routines Checklist in the PlayerLync app.
- 2. View the tutorials for each item on the checklist.

QUESTIONS

observe the opening routines



ON-FLOOR ACTIVITY

NOTES

- **1.** Shadow your facilitating manager as they complete the opening routines.
- **2.** Record any notes or questions you may have.

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2. DAILY ROUTINES

try the opening routines



ON-FLOOR ACTIVITY

NOTES

- 1. Complete the opening routines alongside your facilitating manager.
- 2. Record any notes or questions you may have.

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practice the opening routines



ON-FLOOR ACTIVITY

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- **1.** Complete the opening routines with your facilitating manager's support.
- **2.** Record any notes or questions you may have.

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learn the closing routines



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observe the closing routines



ON-FLOOR ACTIVITY

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- **1.** Shadow your facilitating manager as they complete the closing routines.
- **2.** Record any notes or questions you may have.

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- **1.** Complete the closing routines alongside your facilitating manager.
- 2. Record any notes or questions you may have.

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practice the closing routines



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- **1.** Complete the closing routines with your facilitating manager's support.
- **2.** Record any notes or questions you may have.

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3. MAKE PLAN 25

review your appointments



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- **1.** Locate your Alterations Dashboard on the intranet.
- 2. Use your dashboard to answer the questions below.

Q	UESTIONS
	What is your plan for this week ? Do you need more appointments to be on track to make plan this week?
	What is your plan for next week ?
•	Do you need more appointments to be on track to make plan next week?
	you need more appointments for this week , what specific actions ould you take to get back on track?
	you need more appointments for next week , what specific actions lould you take to get back on track?
	Iouid you take to get back of track:
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	ook at the days that have passed this week. Do you see any days with venue but zero (0) fittings?

review your add-ons results



- **1.** Locate your Alterations Dashboard on the intranet.
- 2. Use your dashboard to answer the questions below.

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What is your average alterations ticket for bridal? For dress?
Did you meet the average ticket goals last week for bridal? For dress?
Are you on track to meet the average ticket goals this month? The quarter?
What is your sales floor merchandise sales percentage?
Are you meeting the 2% sales floor merchandise goal?

What specific actions can you take to increase your average alteration ticket?	S
If you are not meeting the 2% sales floor merchandise goal, what specific actions can you take?	

3. MAKE PLAN 27

review your returns



ON-FLOOR ACTIVITY

- 1. Locate your Alterations Dashboard on the intranet.
- 2. Use your dashboard to answer the questions below.

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- How many returns have you had so far this month?
- Are there any returns on your waived form that could have been prevented?

What actions can you take to minimize returns in your alterations room?
Create an action plan and discuss with your manager or facilitator.



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try the SBI model



ON-FLOOR ACTIVITY

- 1. Read each scenario below.
- 2. Fill in the situation, behavior, and impact for each scenario.
- 3. Share your responses with your manager or facilitator.
- **4.** Ask your manager to choose two (2) scenarios to practice.
- **5.** Use your responses to skill practice providing in-the-moment coaching with your manager or facilitator.

A Stylist comes into Alterations to solicit the help of an Alterations Specialist, who explains that she can't come now and doesn't want to go

shock "too busy" The Alterations Manager (ALM)

SCENARIO 1

overhears and takes care of it, but then has a coaching with her.			
SITUATION	Describe the when and where of the situation.		
BEHAVIOR	Describe the what you have observed.		
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IMPACT	Describe the impact the behavior had.		
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SCENARIO 2

great her alterations	e with you that a customer shared with me now experience was and she's so appreciative of not ork that you did but also how you made her feel
SITUATION De	escribe the <i>when</i> and <i>where</i> of the situation.
BEHAVIOR De	escribe the <i>what</i> you have observed.
IMPACT De	escribe the <i>impact</i> the behavior had.
SCENARIO 3	
first fitting, because	ate said a customer must have gotten fat since her ner gown is too tight. The customer became upset the rest of her fitting.
SITUATION De	escribe the <i>when</i> and <i>where</i> of the situation.

BEHAVIOR	Describe the what you have observed.				
IMPACT	Describe the <i>impact</i> the behavior had.				
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	e platform has a question about taking in her gown. An ate answers her question, and then just walks away.				
SITUATION	Describe the <i>when</i> and <i>where</i> of the situation.				
BEHAVIOR	Describe the what you have observed.				
IMPACT	Describe the <i>impact</i> the behavior had.				

practice the SBI model



ON-FLOOR ACTIVITY

- **1.** Spend a minimum of one (1) hour on the sales floor, and one (1) hour in your alterations room.
- 2. Observe each associate carefully.
- **3.** Use the SBI Model to have two (2) coaching conversations that reinforce a *positive* behavior you've observed.
- 4. Answer the questions below.
- **5.** After the shift, debrief with your manager to discuss.

QUESTIONS
What worked well when delivering positive feedback?
What will you do differently next time when delivering positive feedback?
What do you think you can use from your experience delivering positive feedback, to deliver negative feedback in the future?

try the GROW model



ON-FLOOR ACTIVITY

- 1. Read each scenario below.
- **2.** Fill in the situation, goal, reality, options, and way-forward for each of the scenarios.

Melinda's quality of work needs improvement. The gowns she sews are

- 3. Share your responses with your manager or facilitator.
- **4.** Ask your manager to choose one (1) scenario to practice.
- **5.** Use your responses to skill practice having a productivity conversation with your manager or facilitator.

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consistently having to be re-done by other associates.			
GOAL	Where the associate should be.		
REALITY	Where the associate currently is.		
OPTIONS	Some things the associate can do to get there.		
WAY FORWARD	How you'll commit to helping the associate.		

SCENARIO 2

Antoinette is not booking enough appointments while consulting with brides on the sales floor. You find out she is comfortable asking for the appointments, but she is not comfortable using the appointment booking software by herself.

GOAL	Where the associate should be.
REALITY	Where the associate currently is.
OPTIONS	Some things the associate can do to get there.
WAY FORWARD	How you'll commit to helping the associate.

1 Skill practice with your manager using the talking points from the

practice recruiting



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script to ask for alterations candidates.
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conduct a quality check



DIRECTIONS

- 1. Look at garments on your pressing line and pickup line.
- 2. Inspect the garments looking for the items on the checklist below.
- 3. If any garment needs attention, let your manager or facilitator know.
- **4.** Jot down any notes or questions you may have.
- 5. Discuss with your manager or facilitator afterward.

CHECKLIS	
	spots or stains (inside and outside of garment)
	open seams
	loose strings
	crooked or improper hems
	rips or tears
	missing or loose beads
	broken zipper
NOTES AI	ND QUESTIONS

observe a platform consultation



DIRECTIONS

- 1. Observe the platform consultation.
- 2. Follow the checklist in below as you observe.
- **3.** Place a check mark next to each behavior on the checklist as you observe it.
- **4.** Write down any questions you want to ask, or observations you want to share with your manager later.
- **5.** Make note of any coaching opportunities you observe.
- 6. Discuss what you observed with your manager afterwards.

CHECKLIS	ST
	introduce yourself
	ask about her vision
	show her options
	offer the appointment
	thank her
NOTES A	ND QUESTIONS

try a platform consultation



DIRECTIONS
Skill practice with your manager to conduct a mock platform consultation.
NOTES
QUESTIONS

observe first fittings



DIRECTIONS

CHECKLISTS

- 1. Observe a first fitting for a *bridal gown*, and then a first fitting for a *special occasion dress*.
- 2. Follow the checklists below as you observe each appointment.
- **3.** Place a check mark next to each behavior on the checklist as you observe it.
- **4.** Write down any questions you want to ask, or observations you want to share with your manager later.
- **5.** Make note of any coaching opportunities you observe.
- **6.** Discuss what you observed with your manager afterwards.

BRIDAL GOWN		SPECIAL	SPECIAL OCCASION DRESS	
	introduce yourself		introduce yourself	
	help her get dressed		help her get dressed	
	consult and show options		consult and show options	
	price the work and ask permission to pin		price the work and ask permission to pin	
	communicate next steps		communicate next steps	
NOTES	and questions			

try a first fitting



observe a pickup fitting



DIRECTIONS

- 1. Observe the pickup fitting appointment.
- 2. Follow the checklist in below as you observe.
- **3.** Place a check mark next to each behavior on the checklist as you observe it.
- **4.** Write down any questions you want to ask, or observations you want to share with your manager later.
- **5.** Make note of any coaching opportunities you observe.
- 6. Discuss what you observed with your manager afterwards.

CHECKLIS	ST
	introduce yourself
	help her get dressed
	ask how she feels and ensure she is happy
	have a bustle lesson
	communicate next steps
NOTES AI	ND QUESTIONS

try a pickup fitting



DIRECTIONS
Skill practice with your manager to conduct a mock pickup fitting appointment.
NOTES
QUESTIONS

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evaluate your yelp reviews



DIRECTIONS

- 1. Look up your store on Yelp and read the reviews.
- 2. Read at least five (5) reviews for your store.
- **3.** Pay special attention to any mentions of alterations.
- **4.** Answer the questions below and on the next page.

POSITIVE REVIEWS	NEGATIVE REVIEWS
Think about what behaviors contributed to the customer's great experience.	Think about what behaviors contributed to the customer's poor experience.
How could we have celebrated and provided recognition to associates who provided an exceptional customer experience?	Decide what could have been done differently that might have made that customer write a positive review instead?

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Answer the questions below that apply to the online reviews you have read.
Are our alterations being done to the customer's expectations?
Is the quality of our altered garments equal to or better than their original construction?
Was the staff polite and friendly?
Were the cost of alterations properly explained up front?
Do our customers view the alterations prices as reasonable?
Are the associates clearly stating alterations policies up front?

try the LAST model



ON-FLOOR ACTIVITY

SCENARIO

- 1. Review the scenario below.
- **2.** Write down how you would respond to the situation, using the LAST Model as a guide.
- 3. Discuss your responses with your manager.

A customer is very upset because her gown does not fit her when she comes to pick it up. The alterations associate has re-measured her and her measurements are the same as her first fitting. Her wedding is in three (3) weeks and she begins to cry.
Think about what behaviors caused this customer service issue. What coaching will you provide the associate to prevent similar issues in the future?



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floor time prep activity



DIRECTIONS

QUESTIONS

- 1. Locate the Customer Service Chart at the welcome desk.
- **2.** Locate the Alterations Dashboard for your store on the intranet:
- **3.** Use your store's alteration's dashboard to answer the questions below.
- **4.** Discuss your findings with your manager afterwards.

•	How many stylist appointments are there for the rest of your shift today?	
•	How many of those are comeback appointments?	
•	When is the highest volume of traffic going to be on the sales floor today?	
•	During your floor time today, how many appointments will you need to schedule for next week and the week after ?	
	ake a plan on when to spend time on the sales dings with your manager.	floor and discuss your

try floor time



DIRECTIONS

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- **1.** Partner with the CSR or store manager to know how many open experiences (appointments in progress) are in your store.
- 2. Walk around the sales floor for one (1) hour.
- **3.** As you walk around, count the open experiences taking place.
- **4.** Introduce yourself to customers on the platform and show interest in the consultations that are currently taking place:
 - Ask the stylist where the customer is at in her gown/dress selection and if she has a favorite.
 - If she appears to love her gown or dress, ask her if she has any questions regarding fit that you can answer for her?
- **5.** Check that her measurements are written down on the profile worksheet the stylist uses for her consultation.
- **6.** Provide appointment options and book her first fitting appointment before she leaves the store.

7.	Discuss your	experience	with your	manager	afterwards.
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room setup review



DIRECTIONS

OUESTIONS

- **1.** Access the SOP Manual and locate the alterations room standards in the Organization Standards section.
- 2. Read the entire Alterations Room section.
- **3.** Use the standards shown in the manual to review each of the areas in your alterations room listed below.
 - storage area (slat wall)
 - sewing stations
 - cleaning and pressing area
- **4.** Ensure each area is set up according to the standards.
- **5.** Fix any areas that are not up to standard.
- **6.** Answer the questions below.
- **7.** Partner with your manager to correct any room setup issues you were unable to resolve.

Is your alterations room missing any supplies needed to set these areas to standard? Are the sewing machines clean and free of debris that could mark or damage a white gown?

Are the supplies in the cleaning and pressing area neat and organized to standard?
NOTES
QUESTIONS

beautiful stores SOP review



DIRECTIONS

QUESTIONS

- **1.** Access the SOP Manual and read the following sections in the Beautiful Stores chapter:
 - · Repair and Maintenance Requests
 - · Fixtures, Furniture and Equipment
 - Supplies
- **2.** Use the information in each section to answer the questions below.
- **3.** Jot down any notes or questions as you review each section to discuss with your manager or facilitator afterward.
- **4.** Complete the Knowledge Check in the myLearning iPad app using your responses to the questions below.

What is the name and address of the company where you would send a malfunctioning iron?
What is the name of the company where you would send a malfunctioning steamer or vacuum?
How do you check the status of an iron that is currently being repaired?

True or False? When shipping a steamer in for repair, you should include steamer rods and hoses in the shipping box.				
If you needed to order steamer hose/handle, where would you place the order?				
What is the first thing you should do when a steamer needs to be repaired?				
How do you notify facilities that you are in need of a sewing machine repair?				
How frequently should maintenance checks be performed on sewing machine equipment working properly?				
When ordering alterations supplies how do you know the order was submitted successfully?				



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review your payroll



ON-FLOOR ACTIVITY

- **1.** Locate your Alterations Dashboard on the intranet.
- 2. Use your dashboard to answer the questions below.

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•	Was your alterations room over or under payroll last week?	
•	By how much?	
•	Why were you over or under by this amount?	
•	How many sew hours does your alterations room have this week?	
•	Are you on track to be under payroll for the month ?	
•	Are you on track to be under payroll for the quarter ?	
wł	you are not on track to be under payroll for the nat actions can you take to better manage payr cerations room in the future?	

review your scheduled hours



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- 1. Locate your Alterations Dashboard on the intranet.
- 2. Use your dashboard to answer the questions below.

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How many allowable hours do you have for this week? Next week?
How many hours are currently scheduled this week? Next week?
How many fitting hours are you estimated to earn this week? Next Week?
How many fitting hours are you estimated to next week?
Is your associate schedule created for the week after next?

Were there payroll hours left over last week that should have been used to schedule associates?

Are there any days this week where your Fitting Hours and PU/Press

Hours exceed your scheduled hours?

conduct a first-quality check



DIRECTIONS

- 1. Walk through the entire sales floor.
- 2. As you walk, look for damaged garments on the racks.
- **3.** Use the checklist below as you inspect the garments.
- **4.** Jot down any notes or questions you may have.
- 5. Discuss your findings with your manager or facilitator afterward.

CHECKLIS	T
	neckline is free of makeup and/or soil
	bodice has no makeup, deodorant, perspiration stains
	all buttons, beads, pearls, sequins, etc. are in place
	hem is clean and not frayed
	train is properly attached and underside of train is clean
	seams and darts are free of holes, rips, tears
	garment is free of pulls, snags, rips, tears
	zipper zips up and down smoothly and is securely sewn
	hooks are securely in place at the top of the zipper
	no hanging threads or strings
	garment is not faded or discolored
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review your damaged items



DIRECTIONS

OUESTIONS

- **1.** Look for garments with purple Damaged-Restoration-MOS Tags currently on your work line.
- **2.** Look at the other garments in your alterations room, including the incoming and pressing lines.
- **3.** If there are damaged items without a purple Damaged-Restoration-MOS Tag, fill one out for each.
 - If the item can be repaired, place it on your work line.
 - If the item cannot be repaired, sign the back of the purple ticket and place in receiving room.
- 4. Answer the questions below.

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•	How many damaged items are there currently on your work line?	
•	What is the combined retail cost of these items if they were out on the sales floor?	
•	Have any of these items been on your work line longer than three (3) days?	
•	How many appointments do you need for the week after next ?	
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