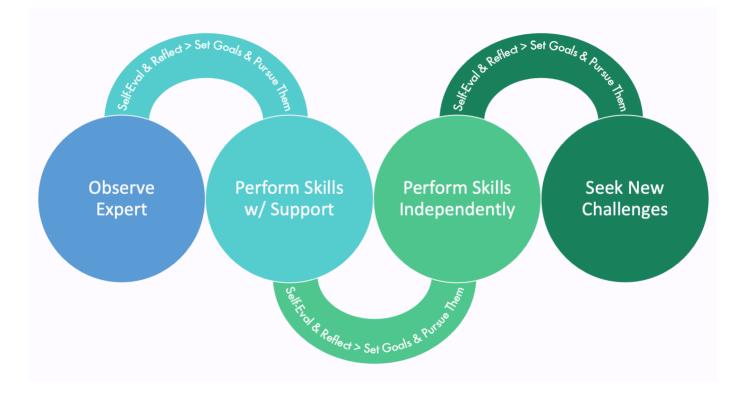
# New Hire Coach — Detail

# Desired Outcome: Skill Development (Hard skills + Soft Skills)

## **Key Opportunities:**

- 1. Reveal implicit/tacit knowledge (surface knowledge and processes that are stored in the minds of experts, which are not explicitly expressed)
- 2. Encourage growth and self-determination



### **Growing Expertise Model**

Intentional Movement from Observation > Practice > Performance (toward Expertise)

#### **Process:**

- 1. Observe Expert (where expert reveals insider info)
- 2. Perform Skills with Support (from expert or other resources)
- 3. Perform Skills Independently (unassisted)
- 4. Self-evaluate and reflect (on-going, throughout)
- 5. Set goals and pursue them (on-going, throughout)

# **Key Components:**

## 1. Cognitive Apprenticeship\* on the Team

- a. Make knowledge explicit/record/write down team standards: time use and management, tools, culture, language, decision-making, processes, attitudes and goals
- b. Make self-eval and coach review regular part of training
- c. New hire participates in goal-setting
- 1. Shadowing Opportunities (supportive observation of the new hire)
  - a. Mock/Live Audio Calls
  - b. Mock/Live Video Calls
  - c. Mock Chats and Case Audits
  - d. Email Correspondence
  - e. In-person presentations
- 2. Formal **Coaching Follow-up after Training Courses** debrief, give context, answer questions, provide clarification, and suggest additional resources (people, tools, or documents)
- 3. **Reflection/Discussion** (encourage new hire to re-organize new knowledge and experiences to make learning personally meaningful)
  - a. Impromptu, as needed
  - b. Scheduled: use standard reflection or self-eval questions as a guide, following specified learning events or at regular intervals? (teaching self-eval, continuous improvement)
- 4. Self-determination highlight opportunities to intentionally encourage \*\*
  - a. Autonomy by giving choice, allowing them to take action, determine direction
  - b. Competence by providing structure/guidance that fades to independence, providing timely feedback
  - c. Relatedness by fostering a sense of belonging and connection

## 5. On-going evaluation

- a. Reflective self-eval + Structured eval (for both Coach and New Hire)
- b. Informal feedback
- c. Continuous improvement (responses to feedback tracked/improvements made as a result of feedback),
- d. Shared feedback

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Note: Mentor vs. Coach:

The terms mentoring and coaching often get used interchangeably, which can be misleading. While similar in their support of someone's development, they involve very different disciplines in practice.

Mentoring consists of a long-term relationship focused on supporting the growth and development of the mentee. The mentor becomes a source of wisdom, teaching, and support, but not someone who observes and advises on specific actions or behavioral changes in daily work. The mentee drives the agenda, goals, and progress.

Coaching typically involves a relationship of finite duration, with a focus on strengthening or eliminating specific behaviors in the here and now. Coaches help professionals correct behaviors that detract from their performance or strengthen those that support stronger performance around a given set of activities. Coaches evaluate professionals, set the pace and goals, and offer corrective criticism as needed.

https://www.digitalhrtech.com/peer-mentoring/

\* More about Cognitive Apprenticeship (the foundational learning theory) here.

\*\* More about Self-Determination Theory (the critical motivational theory) here.