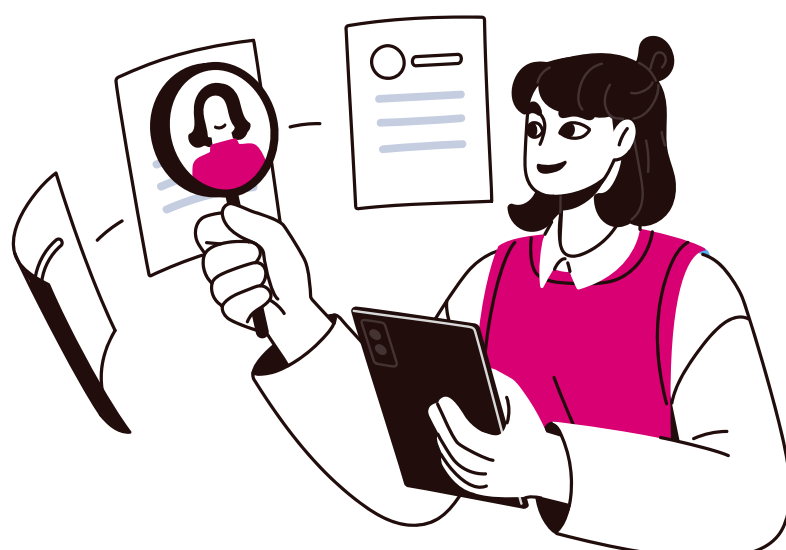


Vendor Selection Criteria for Learning Staff Augmentation



When teams need extra support, the right staff augmentation partner steps in to support your people and keep learning initiatives on track. Here are eight essential things to look for when choosing a staff augmentation vendor.



Start With The People

Great learning outcomes depend on humans doing the work.

- Do vendors provide talent who blend quickly with your teams?
- Are specialists skilled at listening, adapting, and supporting people under pressure?
- Do they understand modern learners and real workplace challenges?



Speed & Scalability That Matches Your Reality

Your needs shift fast; your partner should keep pace.

- How quickly can they deploy instructional designers, facilitators, PMs, SMEs, or ID-tech talent?
- Can they scale up/down without disruption?
- Do they cover global time zones and flexible work hours?



Skills That Deliver Results

You need talent that builds confidence, not complexity.

- Do they bring proven experience in digital learning, blended design, LMS support, or content modernization?
- Are skill sets verified through practical work samples?
- Do they stay current with new tools (AI, LX design, rapid build tools)?



Partnership & Communication

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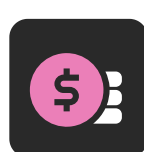
- Are expectations clear from day one?
- Do they offer a single point of contact?
- Are they transparent about progress, risks, and timelines?



Quality & Reliability

Make sure you can count on them every day.

- Do they backfill talent quickly?
- Is there a structured onboarding and ramp-up plan?
- Do they provide performance check-ins and feedback loops?



Cost Clarity

No surprises; just straightforward budgeting.

- Are rates fair and aligned with skill level?
- Are billing models simple?
- Do they help you use your budget wisely?



Trust & Cultural Fit

Teams perform best when individuals are well aligned.

- Do their specialists work with empathy and humility?
- Do they fit your organization's pace, values, and communication style?
- Do they feel like an extension of your team?



Client Stories & Proof Points

Look for real evidence of impact.

- Case studies, referrals, quick wins.
- Experience in your industry.
- Demonstrated ability to solve similar challenges.

Red Flags to Avoid

They don't take time to understand your work.

Skill descriptions are vague or overly broad.

Limited experience with similar learning environments.

Poor transparency in talent vetting.

Talent specialists feel "placed," not supported.

Resistance to flexibility.

Poor communication habits.

No clear plan for integrating talent.

Get the right talent, right when you need it.
Your next learning partner is one click away.

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