Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP)

The Association for Supply Chain Management (APICS / ASCM):
International Certification

The CSCP program helps you demonstrate your knowledge and organizational skills for developing more streamlined operations. Since its launch in 2006, more than 21,000 professionals in 100 countries have earned the CSCP designation. The CSCP programme is a new industry educational certification programme that has been created to meet the rapidly changing needs of the supply chain professional.   The CSCP programme takes a broad view of the supply chain management field extending beyond internal operations to encompass all the steps throughout the supply chain - from supplier, through the company to the end consumer. The CSCP provides you with the knowledge to effectively manage the integration of these activities to maximize a company's value chain.

The APICS CSCP designation: -

- is the most widely recognized educational program for operations and supply chain management professionals around the globe

- is a designation that is sought by thousands of employers and recruiters

- provides you with a mastery of supply chain management best practices and distinguishes you as an industry expert with specialized, high-level knowledge and skills.

An APICS CSCP designation will help you: -

- master the necessary tools to effectively manage global supply chain activities, including suppliers, plans, distributors, and customers around the globe

- acquire the skills you need to create consistency and foster collaboration through best practices, common terminology, and corporate communication

- understand how to use enterprise resources planning (ERP) systems and other technologies to improve the entire supply chain process

- maximize your organization's ERP investments by millions of dollars

- increase your professional value and secure your future.

Who is the CSCP certification intended for?

• Supply chain strategy or design	• Managing supply chain risk
• Demand planning and management	• Supply chain change management
• Customer relationship management	• Supply chain improvement and best practices
• Supplier relationship management	• Supply chain financial management
• Supply chain wide inventory management	• Supply chain technology selection, setup, maintenance or use
• Managing reverse logistics	

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About the APICS CSCP program content

The CSCP program consists of eight modules with an exam that reflects critical changes in the marketplace and in the evolving roles and responsibilities of Supply Chain Managers.

For accreditation, you must master each of the following Modules / Diagnostic areas:

Module 1: Supply Chains, Demand Management, and Forecasting

  A: Introductions to Supply Chains

  B: Demand analysis & Patterns

  C: Demand Management

  D: Forecasting

  E: Supply & Demand Alignment

Module 2: Global Supply Chain Networks

  A: Supply Chain Design & Optimisation

  B: End-to-End Connectivity & Visibility

  C: Supply Chain Metrics & Reports

Module 3: Sourcing Products and Services

  A: Aligning Sourcing to Demand

  B: Category Strategy for Sourcing

  C: Product Design Influence

  D: Supplier Selection, Contracting & Use

Module 4: Internal Operations & Inventory

  A: Planning Operations

  B: Capacity & Production Activity Control

  C: Inventory

  D: Performance & Continuous Improvement

Module 5: Forward & Reverse Logistics

  A: Logistics & Distribution

  B: Distribution Services & Transportation Choices

  C: Trade Considerations

  D: Reverse Flow

Module 6: Supply Chain Relationships

  A: Customer Relationships

  B: Supplier & Supply Chain Relationships

Module 7: Supply Chain Risk

  A: Risk Management & Supply Chain Risk

  B: Risk Analysis & Response

Module 8: Optimization, Sustainability & Technology

  A: Optimizing Supply Chain Strategy and Tactics

  B: Sustainability

  C: Technology Trends

Duration

The CSCP can be successfully completed in 3 months, however most students prefer 6 –12 months as this is an intense learning intervention.

Instructor-led courses

7 - 8 full days, 8:00 – 16:00. 1 Full day every second week, which results in 2 days per month.

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Methods of delivery

This course could be delivered in the following ways:

- Instructor led, by an APICS-recognized instructor in public online classes. There are 3 cohorts per annum

- In-house – at the company's premises, instructor led at agreed days and times. A minimum number of learners would be required

- Self-study

- Should you struggle to cope with the self-study option, you do have the option to pay the tuition fee and attend the classes, with your current material.

After earning your CSCP designation, you will know how to: -

- Boost productivity, collaboration, and innovation

- Discover how to positively affect lead times, inventory, productivity, and bottom-line profitability

- Understand how to manage the integration and coordination of activities to achieve reduced costs and increase efficiencies and customer service

- Gain the knowledge to effectively and efficiently manage worldwide supply chain activities

- Help your company reach its ideal supply chain state

- Use data to link production, distribution, purchasing and service

- Reduce waste in supply chains

- Identify and classify supply chain risk and develop risk response plans

- Improve communications throughout the supply chain

Exams and Assessments

This is an APICS international examination, which assesses you by a series of multiple-choice questions. The exams are Computer Based only. All APICS certification exams will be done on demand. Students can book any date and time throughout the year to take the exam. You will only be able to schedule your exam once you have paid the examination fee and received the Authority to Test (ATT) email from APICS. The exam scores are based on scaled scores. Time allowed to complete the CSCP exam is 3.5 hours.

Maintenance

The APICS Certification Maintenance program allows requirements to be met through multiple sources, including employer-sponsored events and events of related organizations. Maintaining your certification is easy, and you can submit your maintenance application at any point during your maintenance cycle. The link to the Certification Maintenance is https://www.ascm.org/learning-development/certifications-credentials/certification-maintenance/

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Please do not hesitate to contact me for any assistance or further questions.

Enjoy your day!

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