Exam Preparation Course
Learning Outcomes

CSCM
Certified Supply Chain Manager

International Supply Chain Education Alliance
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Module I: Supply chain strategy
Module 1: Supply Chain Management Essentials
  • Supply chain
  • Value chain and Value Network
  • Supply Chain Management Evolution
  • Business processes in the supply chain
  • Push and pull processes
  • Supply chain Flows

Module II: Logistics
Module 5: Logistics – Transport in the Supply Chain
  • Relationship between logistics and supply chain management
  • Transportation modes
  • International transport: Incoterms
  • Transportation mode selection
  • Transportation risk management

Module III: Tactical Planning
  • S&OP / IBP Objectives
  • The S&OP cycle
  • S&OP / IBP maturity levels

Module IV: Business Processes and Metrics
Module 4: Business Processes and Metrics
  • The process-oriented organization: BPO
  • Strategic and tactical level supply chain business processes
  • Tactical-operational level supply chain business processes
  • Supply chain metrics
  • Benchmarking

Module V: Logistics – Distribution Networks
Module 6: Logistics – Distribution Networks
  • Distribution channels and distribution networks
  • Role of facilities in the distribution network
  • Distribution network design
  • Network configuration changes
  • Impact of facilities quantity in the distribution network
  • Qualitative analysis to determine facilities location
  • Quantitative analysis to determine facilities location
  • 3PL and 4PL providers

Module VI: Logistics – Inventory Management
Module 7: Logistics – Inventory Management
  • Using inventory to balance demand and supply
  • Using inventory to decouple supply chain stages
  • Distribution inventory and manufacturing inventory
  • Traditional replenishment policies
  • Periodic review policy
  • Continuous review policy
  • Safety inventory
  • MRP: Material Requirement Planning
  • DDMRP: The evolution of the traditional MRP

Module VII: Bullwhip Effect
Module 8: Bullwhip Effect
  • Bullwhip effect and its consequences
  • Impact of delays on the bullwhip effect
  • Impact of human behavior on the bullwhip effect
  • Impact of variability on the bullwhip effect
  • Impact of complexity on the bullwhip effect

Module VIII: Products and services management
Module 10: Products and services management
  • Product portfolio based on economic choice
  • Competitive environment analysis – BCG and GE / McKinsey Models
  • Product life cycle
  • Postponement and product personalization
Module 11: Demand Management
- Demand management process
- Forecasting Methods
- Historical data analysis
- Forecasting using exponential smoothing
- Forecasting using linear regression
- Forecasting seasonal demand
- Forecasting intermittent demand
- Forecasting using multiple regression
- Forecasting using Machine Learning
- Forecasting demand of new products and services
- Forecast performance
- Demand shaping

Module 12: Supply Management
- Aggregate planning strategies
- Aggregate planning using linear programming
- Creating an objective Function
- Identifying constraints
- Aggregate planning using Excel Solver

Module 13: Consensus, Prioritization and Strategic Planning Integration
- S&OP executive meeting prerequisites
- S&OP executive meeting participants
- Demand prioritization
- Strategic planning reconciliation

Module IV: Relationships Management
Module 14: Supply Chain Relationships
- Relationship levels
- Relationship models
- Agreements / Contracts
- Agreements negotiation
- Relational contracts
- Relationship obstacles

Module 15: Customer Relationship Management
- Customer segmentation based on value
- Operational CRM
- Analytical CRM
- Role of CRM in demand planning

Module 16: Supplier Relationship Management
- Source to Contract Cycle (S2C)
- Procure to Pay Cycle (P2P)
- Supplier evaluation
- Supplier selection by product type
- Supplier segmentation based on performance and strategic potential
- Supplier relationship management based on supplier segmentation
- Outsourcing

Module 17: Supply Chain Collaboration Tools
- Supply chain collaboration tools selection
- "Quick Response" (QR) in the fashion industry
- “Efficient Consumer Response (ECR)" in the Fast Moving Consumer Goods Industry (FMCG)"
- Continuous Replenishment Program (CRP)
- Vendor-Managed Inventory (VMI)
- Collaborative Planning, Forecasting and Replenishment (CPFR)
- Collaboration in the Demand-Driven supply chain

Module V: Supply Chain Optimization

Module 18: Information Systems and Digital Supply Chain
- Information systems
- Data and information value
- Evolution of supply chain management applications
- Applications that complement ERP systems
- Customer relationship management (CRM) applications
- Supplier Relationship Management (SRM) applications
- Warehouse Management Systems (WMS) applications
- Transportation Management Systems (TMS) applications
- Digital supply chain
- Big Data Analysis
- Data Warehouses and Data Lakes
- Artificial intelligence and Machine Learning
- Distributed Ledger / Blockchain
- Internet of things (IoT)
- Demand Driven MRP (DDMRP) applications

Module 19: Lean Six Sigma
- The seven wastes of Lean
- Five principles of Lean manufacturing
- Impact of Lean on inventory
- Pull inventory replenishment based on Kanban
- Six Sigma quality
- Cost of Poor Quality (COPQ)
- DMAIC and DFSS methodologies
- Lean Six Sigma essential tools

Module 20: Theory of Constraints (TOC)
- Five Focusing Steps
- Drum–Buffer–Rope (DBR)
- Inventory buffers
- Time buffers
- Capacity buffers
- BOM and distribution network buffers
Module 21: Demand-Driven Supply Chain (DDSC) Framework
- Demand-driven value network
- DDSC impact on niche markets
- DDSC impact on innovative industries
- DDSC impact on short life cycle products
- DDSC impact on high product variety portfolios
- Make-and-sell supply chains vs Demand-driven supply chains

Module 22: Introduction to Demand Driven Material Requirement Planning – DDMRP
- Traditional MRP in today's business environment
- Inventory positioning factors
- Decoupled materials explosion
- Dynamic buffer adjustments
- Difference between DDMRP planning and execution
- DDMRP execution alerts
- Comparing reorder point (ROP) replenishment policies with DDMRP

Module VI: Complementary Skills
Module 23: Financial Key Performance Indicators
- Relationship between financial, operational and cost accounting
- SCM Impact on the Financial Statements
- SCM impact on return on assets (ROA)
- SCM impact on required working capital
- EBITDA and OCF
- Cash-to-cash cycle
- Break-even point analysis
- Inventory valuation and cost systems
- Throughput accounting fundamentals

Module 24: Leadership and Change Management
- Supply chain manager skills requirements
- Leadership and management
- Power and empowerment
- Situational leadership styles
- Leading teams / communities
- Team and individual motivation
- Change management

Module 25: Introduction to Project Management
- Projects and their constraints
- Initiation processes
- Planning processes
- Execution Processes
- Monitoring and control processes
- Closing Processes
- Project evaluation

Module 26: Sustainable Supply Chain Management
- The 3 Pillars of Sustainability
- United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
- Methods to Trace Natural Resource Use and Pollution Over Supply Chains
- Circular economy
- Life cycle assessment (LCA)
- Sustainability and new product design
- Sustainability and procurement
- Sustainability and production
- Sustainability and transportation

Course Details
Pre-requisites: None
Classroom time: 40 hours

Certification Exam Details
Assessment Method: Multiple Choice Exam
Pass Grade: 70%
Regulatory Authority: IISB
(ISCEA International Standards Board)

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