

APICS CERTIFICATIONS

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Why should I pursue certification?

Obtaining a professional certification increases your knowledge and expertise in areas of the operations and supply chain management field that you may not acquire through your workplace experiences. By pursuing a professional certification, you will

- Demonstrate a commitment to your career that distinguishes you from others in your field,
- Position yourself for the future as a leader in today's fast-paced and rapidly changing global supply chain management field.

Studies have shown that certification can also result in

- Better pay
- Improved job security
- Increased on-the-job confidence.

Overall, the time and effort spent pursuing a certification have proven to be worth the investment.

How do I decide between available designations?

Start by devoting enough time to investigate your options. Which certification to obtain should be determined by your individual needs and overall career aspirations.

Identify what you are trying to accomplish.

- Improving skills or expanding your current role to take on greater responsibilities in the future
- Differentiating yourself from your peers through professional development
- Transitioning from another career or company

Assess your current skills and experiences and determine what you need to enhance in order to accomplish the goal you set in the first step.

Research your options by

- Visiting websites
- Reviewing what program supports the knowledge and skills you need to enhance
- Comparing eligibility requirements and certification exam testing differences.

The process may take some time, but putting in the effort up front will be worthwhile when you find the certification that fits your needs and advances your career.

Join more than 100,000 CPIM and over 15,000 CSCP designees and enjoy the benefits. Learn more at apics.org/certification.



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What areas of operations management are covered in these programs?

CSCP

The APICS CSCP designation certifies your mastery of the entire supply chain—extending beyond internal operations. From your suppliers through your operation, to your end consumer, it shows your knowledge and expertise of how to

- Improve productivity by looking outside of internal operations and through the entire supply chain
- Create and execute supply chain strategy to meet customer needs, reduce costs and increase profits
- Incorporate your end-to-end view of the supply chain into organizational activities.

CSCP candidates must pass **one exam** covering the following modules:

- 1 Fundamentals of Supply Chain Management
- 2 Supply Chain Strategy, Design and Compliance
- 3 Implementation and Operations

APICS CSCP exam eligibility requirements:

- 5 years of related business experience, OR
- APICS CPIM, APICS CFPIM, APICS CIRM, C.P.M. and two years of related business experience, OR
- Bachelor's degree or equivalent and two years of related business experience.

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CPIM

The APICS CPIM designation demonstrates that you have the expertise and knowledge of production and inventory management to

- Improve productivity across your organizations' supply chain
- Streamline operations through accurate forecasting
- Maximize customer satisfaction by delivering products and services Just-in-Time
- Increase profitability by optimizing your organization's inventory investment.

CPIM candidates must pass **one exam in each** of the following modules:

- 1 Basics of Supply Chain Management
- 2 Master Planning of Resources
- 3 Detailed Scheduling and Planning
- 4 Execution and Control of Operations
- 5 Strategic Management of Resources

No eligibility requirements

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