

Syllabus: Supply Chain Management Specialist (SCMS) 40227

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Program Aim: To understand best practices and guidelines to becoming an industry-leading supply chain management specialist and professional.

Learning Objectives of the SCMS:

- To adequately define what a supply chain is.
- To understand the importance of the supply chain management function within an organization. The role of the supply chain manager within an organization.
- Of how to develop a strong supply chain both internally and externally.
- Of the effect a strong supply chain has on the profitability of an organization.
- And understanding the areas of the organization that are involved in the supply chain and the role they play in strengthening the organization.
- Of the significance of technology within the supply chain.
- And understanding the supply Chain operations: Planning, Sourcing, Making, and Delivering.
- Of the effects “Going Green” has on the supply chain.
- Of new developments in the supply chain management profession.

Program Requirements:

Completion of the online SCMS examination and the creation of a Strategic Purchasing Management Plan.

- **Examination:** The examination is 80 questions long and includes two short essay questions within a timed and secure online testing environment.
- **Strategic Purchasing Plan:** Members of the Supply Chain Management Specialist (SCMS) program must complete this strategic project which requires a practical application of the program material to a real-life purchasing client project that will be provided by our team.

Self-Management: The Supply Chain Management Specialist (SCMS) is a self-study certification program. Though we want to see you succeed, your success depends on and directly corresponds to the amount of effort and time you put into learning the material. We have implemented the necessary tools to assist you in studying, such as a study guide with defined and in-depth topics and terms to know, as well as a 40 questions mock/practice exam to help you gauge your grasp of the information in the texts. We have also created videos on purchasing management to supplement the reading material.

Time-Management: Being that the SCMS is a self-study program, it is your responsibility to make time to read the required texts and to ask questions as they arise.

Exam time: Examinations are offered four times a year on January 15th, April 15th, July 15th, and October 15th each year. Please email us once you are ready to schedule your examination. You will have two hours to complete your examination through our online testing environment.

Required Texts: All of these books are available online and in most bookstores. Amazon.com carries all of the required texts below:

1. *Essentials of Supply Chain Management, 2nd Edition [Paperback]* by Michael H. Hugos. Wiley, 2006. ISBN – 13: 978-0471776345
2. *Supply Chain Management Best Practices (Wiley Best Practices)* by David Blanchard. Wiley, 2010, Second Edition. ISBN – 13: 978-0470531884
3. *New Supply Chain Agenda: The 5 Steps That Drive Real Value* by Reuben Slone, J. Paul Dittmann, & John T. Mentzer. ISBN-13: 978-1422149362

Required Tools: Internet access and an Internet browser are required to take the online exam. (Internet Explorer and Firefox work best, though most browsers should suffice.)

Strategic Project (100 pts)

Exam: (100 pts)

- 80 multiple choice/true-false questions (80%)
- 2 short-essay questions worth (20%)

For more information, study tips, and topics, please see the SCMS study guide.