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CERTIFIED SCMP GRADS SEEN AS PRE-EMINENT AUTHORITIES

In today's competitive business environment, the logistics of synchronizing supply with demand is characterized by rapid change and unpredictability, as companies work to understand and respond to the needs of their customers. With supply chains that reach around the world, a Certified SCMP is a key contributor to the competitiveness and success of any enterprise.

The Certified Supply Chain Management Professional (CSCMP) designation is the most sought after achievement in supply chain management in Canada — setting the national standard for excellence in the profession.

Certified SCMPs are seen as the pre-eminent authority in supply chain management. When hiring for positions, employers are increasingly asking for the Certified SCMPs or enrolment in the Certified SCMP program.

According to the PMAC/Purchasing b2b salary survey, those with the designation earn 15 to 20 per cent more annually than their counterparts without the designation.

And by completing a rigorous program, Certified SCMPs attain supply chain management's most respected credential and differentiate themselves from others practising in the field.

David Fletcher, president and CEO of

the Ontario Institute of the Purchasing Management Association of Canada, says OIPMAC awards its members the Certified Supply Chain Management Professional (CSCMP) designation under the authorization of provincial legislation, setting the highest standards for supply chain management education.

"Educating people in core supply chain competencies goes beyond an academic credential," says Fletcher.

"We ensure that our members are trained in both high-level decision-making and tactical know-how so they can align their organization's goals with the practicalities of managing complex supply chains."

IN-RESIDENCE WEEK ADVANCES KNOWLEDGE

Programs are taught by leading North American academics and professionals, and are designed to enhance the professional competence and strategic perspective of practitioners at all levels of career progression.

The In-Residence Week integrates and advances knowledge gained during the modules and interactive workshops, and hones management and leadership skills. It also provides preparation for the final exam, which tests the knowledge acquired throughout the program and practical experience in a case-based examination.

Candidates are required to have at least three years of practical experience in supply chain management in order to obtain their Certified SCMP.



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Recently certified SCMP graduate Alex Riddell talks about the interaction in class. "I would encourage people to take every opportunity to interact with their peers in the modules and workshops. I found the discussions with my peer group extremely valuable in reinforcing some of the concepts we were

learning in class, and giving me perspectives on issues that were very different from my own."

David Fletcher, president and CEO of the OIPMAC, explains: "As a consumer, you might see product and service shortages, but not understand the reasons why.

"As a supply chain expert, you're trained to identify and manage the sources of supply chain bottlenecks and slowdowns. Often, problems are caused by things like raw material shortages, uneven quality control in manufacturing, overseas delivery issues, and, in many cases, contract disputes. Holders of our Certified Supply Chain Management Professional designation are equipped with the knowledge and skills to solve these problems," says Fletcher.

ELEMENTS OF SCMP PROGRAM

EIGHT MODULES COVER THE CORE AREAS OF STRATEGIC SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT KNOWLEDGE. THEY INCLUDE:

- Supply Chain Management
- Procurement and Supply Management
- Logistics and Transportation
- Operations and Process Management
- Knowledge Management
- Global Sourcing
- Supply Chain Management for the Public Sector
- Supply Chain Management for Services, Capital Goods and Major Projects

SIX INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS ADDRESS HIGH-LEVEL BUSINESS SKILLS. THEY INCLUDE:

- Leadership and Professionalism
- Negotiation Skills
- Communication and Relational Skills
- Competitive Bidding, Contract Preparation and Contract Management
- International Business and Multicultural Skills
- Ethical Behaviour and Social Responsibility

In order to earn the Certified SCMP, students must successfully complete all of the elements of the Strategic Supply Chain Management Leadership Program.