



## Drive Value and Innovation through APICS Certification

### APICS Fox River In-House Education Programs

The APICS Fox River Chapter offers on-site education programs in a variety of formats. In the challenging global marketplace, well-trained, well-educated, certified professionals can make the difference in achieving a sustained competitive advantage. Supporting employees to achieve a professional certification also shows a strong commitment to employee development and indicates a sincere interest in employee accomplishment and recognition.

### APICS Certification Programs

**The APICS Certified in Production and Inventory Management (CPIM)** program is recognized worldwide as the standard of professional competence in production and inventory control. Obtaining an APICS certification shows a commitment to the profession that leads to a sense of accomplishment, demonstrates value to the employer, enhances earning potential, and can provide a path to career advancement.

The APICS CPIM program is divided into five process-oriented topic areas to provide participants with the best possible educational assessment and knowledge base. The five modules are: 1) Basics of Supply Chain Management, 2) Master Planning of Resources, 3) Detailed Scheduling and Planning, 4) Execution and Control of Operations, and 5) Strategic Management of Resources.

**The APICS Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP)** program is recognized worldwide as the premier supply chain management education and certification program. The APICS CSCP program takes a broad view of operations, extending beyond internal operations to encompass the entire supply chain — from supplier, through the company, to the end consumer. The program provides professionals with the knowledge necessary to understand and manage the integration and coordination of end-to-end supply chain activities.

The APICS CSCP program is divided into four modules to provide participants with the best possible educational assessment and knowledge base. The four modules are: 1) Supply Chain Management Fundamentals, 2) Building Competitive Operations, 3) Managing Customer and Supplier Relationships, and 4) Using Information Technology to Enable Supply Chain Management.

*"The APICS CSCP In-House training program allowed the company to develop a deeper knowledge and understanding of supply chain. With individuals from diverse business areas the training created a team environment that allowed the organization to create new synergies. From finance to procurement to global planning to operations management to logistics management, the team developed new respect for each other and for the whole organization. This team work created pride and respect for each other. When the acquisition of Andrew Corporation into CommScope occurred, the Andrew team had immediate respect."*

*Vice President, Supply Chain*

*CommScope (formerly Andrew Corporation)*

### Case Study: Andrew Corporation's Employees Realize the Benefits of In-House Certification

- "Convenience and participation – due to the convenience of being on site there was greater participation resulting in a higher number of certifications for the company. Including those that did obtain the certification, the sessions resulted in a higher level of knowledge across the organization. The high number of participants drove friendly competition, which resulted in a higher number of certifications."
- "When participants talked about 'real' life situations, we were all able to understand since it was from our company."
- "The study group that we developed after the training was of great value. We went thru the online questions regularly; when someone was stuck on a question, others from different business areas were able to explain the answers. This really helped absorbing the material and also developing a greater understanding on how to interpret the questions and the answers in preparation for the testing."

# Prepare Your Business and Your Employees to Succeed

## Customize a Flexible Program with a Targeted Schedule to Maximize Return on Investment

The APICS Fox River Chapter can deliver quality, proven certification preparation courses on site to minimize travel time and to reduce the cost per participant when compared to any other development process. The courses can be tailored to the needs of the organization.

The price of the in-house APICS certification preparation courses are considerably less than the same courses offered at the local colleges. The discount price for in-house courses is at least 25% of those fees for APICS courses offered at the local colleges.

Classes can be scheduled during work or after hours, on weekends or weekdays. The training can be scheduled during the morning hours, during the workday, late afternoons, evenings, or with a seminar format (one all day session per week). Students enjoy the co-worker involvement plus students can work with each other on course teachings. In addition, on-site paper and pencil testing can be arranged after course completion.

## Certification is the Goal

**APICS CPIM Program:** This certification consists of five modules and the participants are expected to individually register to take a module exam after completing each course. APICS has several testing sites, dates, and times for each module exam.

**APICS CSCP Program:** This certification consists of four modules with the APICS CSCP Exam administered every March, June, and December. Therefore, it is beneficial to schedule the certification preparation course about 2-3 months in advance of the set exam dates. The 32 hours of classroom instruction addresses the body of knowledge of the four modules.

## World-Class APICS Instruction Delivered by Experienced Professionals

APICS certifications are recognized worldwide as standards of professional excellence and quality within the manufacturing and service industries. These courses have been effectively delivered at local colleges for many years by APICS Certified Instructors from the APICS Fox River Chapter. You can access the same quality instruction into your in-house program.

We have a pool of well qualified instructors to draw from for in-house classes. Most Fox River Chapter APICS Certified instructors have a minimum of a 4 year Bachelors degree, over 15 years of Operations/Supply Chain experience, have been a member of APICS for over 10 years, and have been teaching APICS courses for over 10 years. Our instructors use comprehensive APICS Courseware with a highly interactive learning format to prepare employees to be successful completing the APICS CPIM and APICS CSCP Certification Exams.

## Contact

We look forward to providing APICS Certification for your business and help you achieve value, innovation, and productivity. Contact our Director of Education at [vpeducation@apics-foxriver.org](mailto:vpeducation@apics-foxriver.org) to receive full course descriptions, the current schedule of exam dates, and detailed pricing information. We will tailor an instructional program for you.

