

2015 LEARNING SYSTEM

PREPARATION OVERVIEW

CSCP APICS Certified Supply Chain Professional



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APICS CSCP Learning System Overview

ABOUT THE APICS CSCP PROGRAM

The APICS Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP) program is the first and only supply chain certification that encompasses the end-to-end global supply chain. APICS CSCP designees gain the skills to effectively manage global supply chain activities that involve suppliers, plants, distributors and customers located around the world.



APICS CSCP program benefits can be achieved in a matter of months, allowing individuals and teams a quick return on investment and long-term bottom line results. No other certification program provides the combination of flexible learning options and a globally recognized certification that sets the worldwide standard for supply chain management excellence.

Companies that sponsor the APICS CSCP program for their employees find that the program creates consistency and fosters collaboration through best practices, common terminology and end-to-end communication within their organizations and throughout their supply chains.

More than 17,000 professionals in 82 countries have earned the APICS CSCP designation.

HOW PROFESSIONALS PREPARE TO EARN THE APICS CSCP DESIGNATION

The APICS CSCP Learning System is at the core of all preparation options for the APICS CSCP designation. This program is a comprehensive professional development and exam preparation tool that combines print materials and interactive web-based study tools delivering 1,100 pages of content and over 1,400 practice test questions and is presented in several flexible learning options.

COURSE TOPICS

The APICS CSCP Learning System is divided into three modules across five books that reflect the entire APICS *Exam Content Manual (ECM)*. Based upon the most recent Global Job Task Analysis, the program provides an overview of global end-to-end supply chain management. This content is integrated with best practices in the day-to-day functions of supply chain professionals, and technologies that drive improvement in planning and operations necessary to maximize an organization's efficiency and impact the bottom line.

Learn more about APICS CSCP Learning System modules on page 5.

LEARNING OPTIONS

The APICS CSCP program provides a variety of different learning options to fit individual learning styles and schedules. Participants have the following course delivery options:

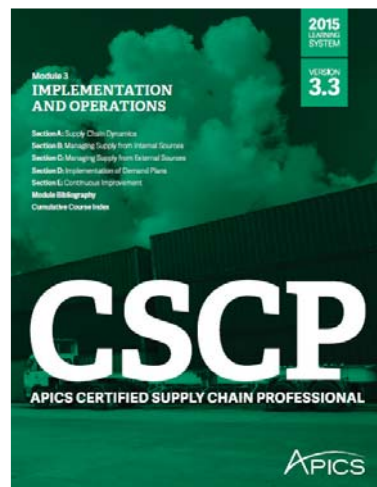
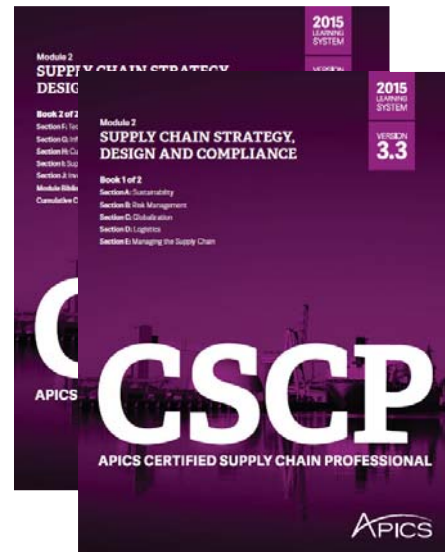
- Self-directed
- Instructor-led learning
- Instructor-led online learning
- Corporate learning,

See page 11 for more information.

Printed Materials

BOOKS

The APICS CSCP Learning System covers three modules across five printed books with more than 1,100 pages of content that reflect the *APICS Operations Management Body of Knowledge (OMBOK) Framework* and the *CSCP Exam Content Manual (ECM)*. Information is organized from more than 150 sources, and progress-check questions are included at the end of each section to ensure that participants are staying on track and retaining the information. The printed materials are linked directly to every practice question found in the web-based tools.



CONTENT OVERVIEW

The printed books, which are spiral-bound to make studying easier, contain three print modules that cover the entire *APICS CSCP ECM*.

MODULE 1: APICS Fundamentals of Supply Chain Management

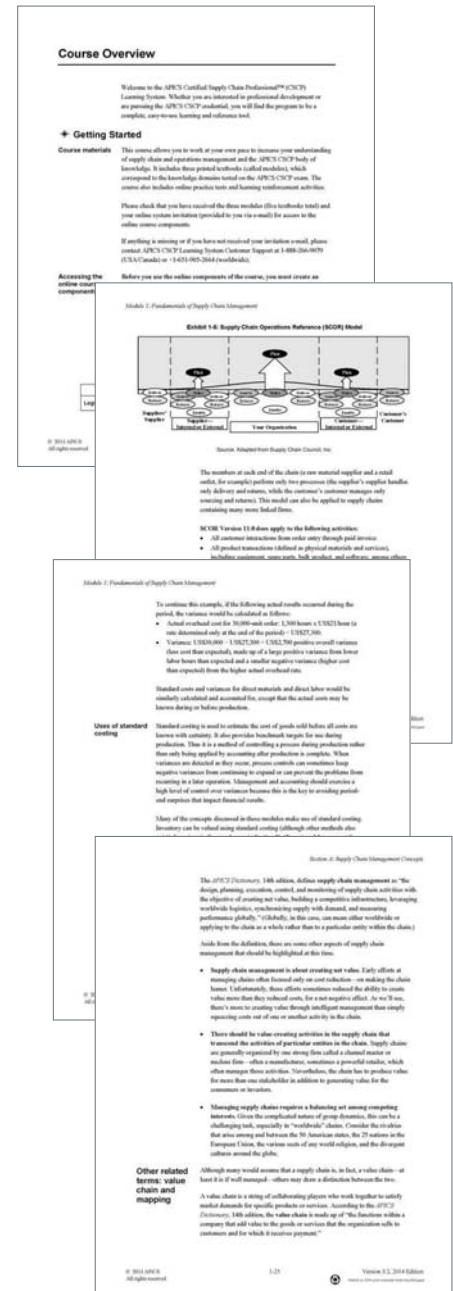
- Broad concepts of supply chain management, including primary processes, objectives, integration methods and benefits
- Alignment of supply chain and business strategies
- Key considerations for supply chain design and continuous improvement
- Key measures of planning and controlling inventories
- Fundamentals of logistics in supply chain management
- Identifying and managing market segments
- Demand forecasting and management techniques
- Keys to effective customer relationship management (CRM)
- Core concepts of supply management

MODULE 2: APICS Supply Chain Strategy, Design and Compliance

- Sustainability practices in design and operation of a supply chain
- Risk: the sources, impacts and mitigation methods
- Globally dispersed supply and demand and the impact of free trade zones and trading blocs
- Globalization effects on inbound and outbound logistics
- Measurement of and efficiency and responsiveness in the supply chain
- Sales and operations planning (S&OP) process
- Technologies for testing, data, operations and communications in supply chain management
- Factors influencing demand, including design, marketing, selling and matching customer orders
- Core concepts of CRM, including strategies, technologies and key implementation challenges
- Fundamentals of supplier relationship management (SRM), including strategies, improved management of sources, relevant technologies and measurement
- Inventory planning and control methods

MODULE 3: APICS Implementation and Operations

- Supply chain dynamics and the balance of responsiveness and efficiency
- Managing supply from internal and external sources
- Implementation of demand plans, including prioritization and fulfillment and capturing and communicating point-of-sale data
- Tools and techniques to support continuous improvement strategies

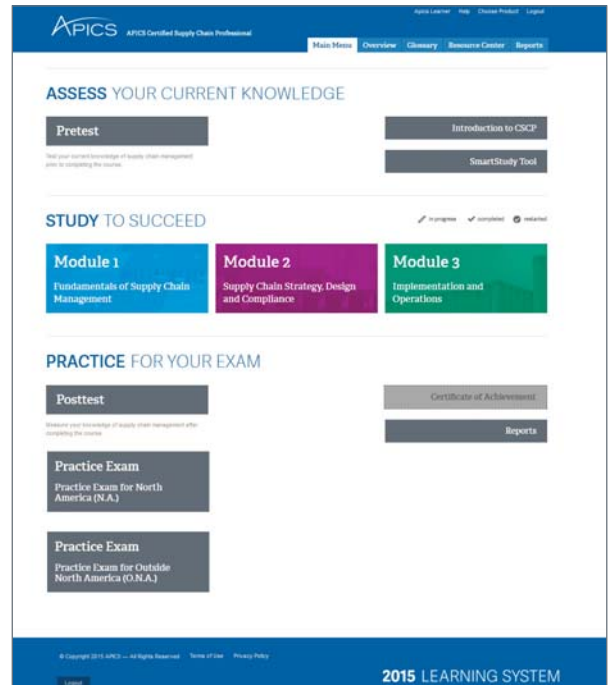


Interactive Web-Based Study Tools

WEB-BASED STUDY TOOLS

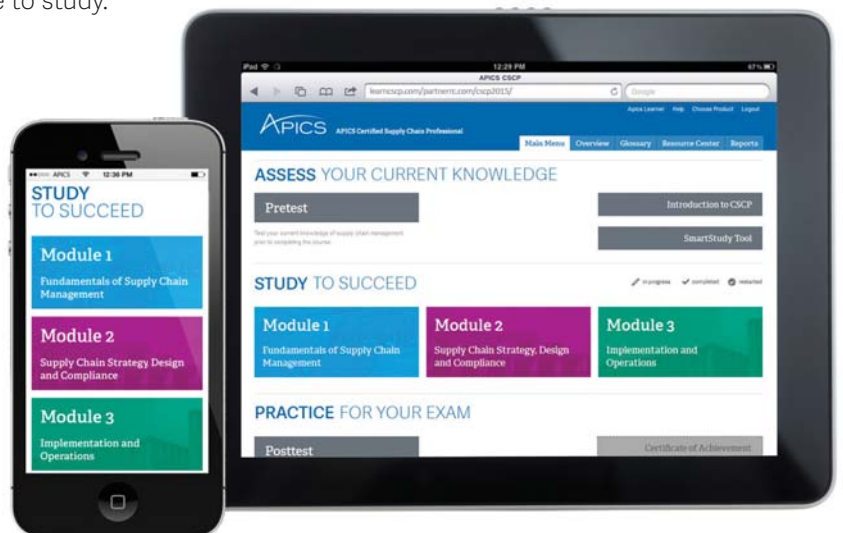
Included with the APICS CSCP Learning System, web-based study tools help users apply the concepts learned in the printed materials and test their understanding and retention of the topics.

- Quizzes and tests prepare users for the APICS CSCP exam, providing immediate feedback and additional guidance.
- Users have access to the web-based study tools for one year.
- All interactive web-based study tools can be accessed online.



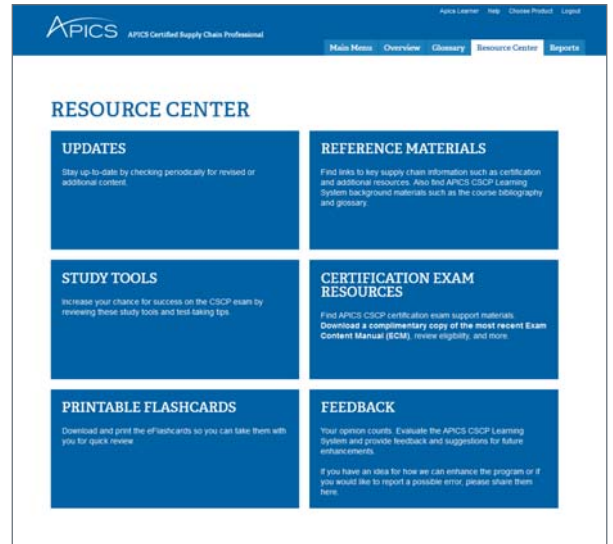
MOBILE ACCESS

Participants can study on-the-go by accessing the APICS CSCP Learning System on their iPhones, iPads or Google Android phones and tablets. This mobile format gives users greater flexibility for when and where they are able to study.



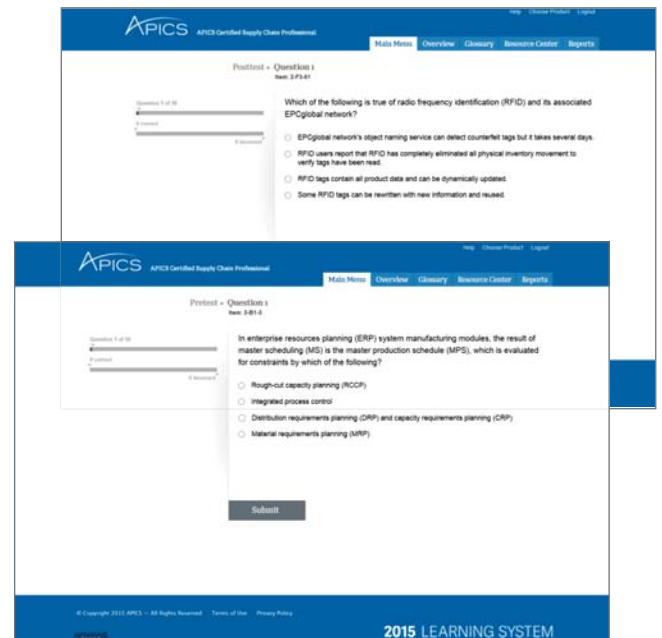
RESOURCE CENTER

The Resource Center is the one-stop place for users to access valuable exam prep materials like program updates, test-taking tips, printable flashcards, related links, reference materials, a feedback feature and a complimentary download of the most current *APICS CSCP ECM*.



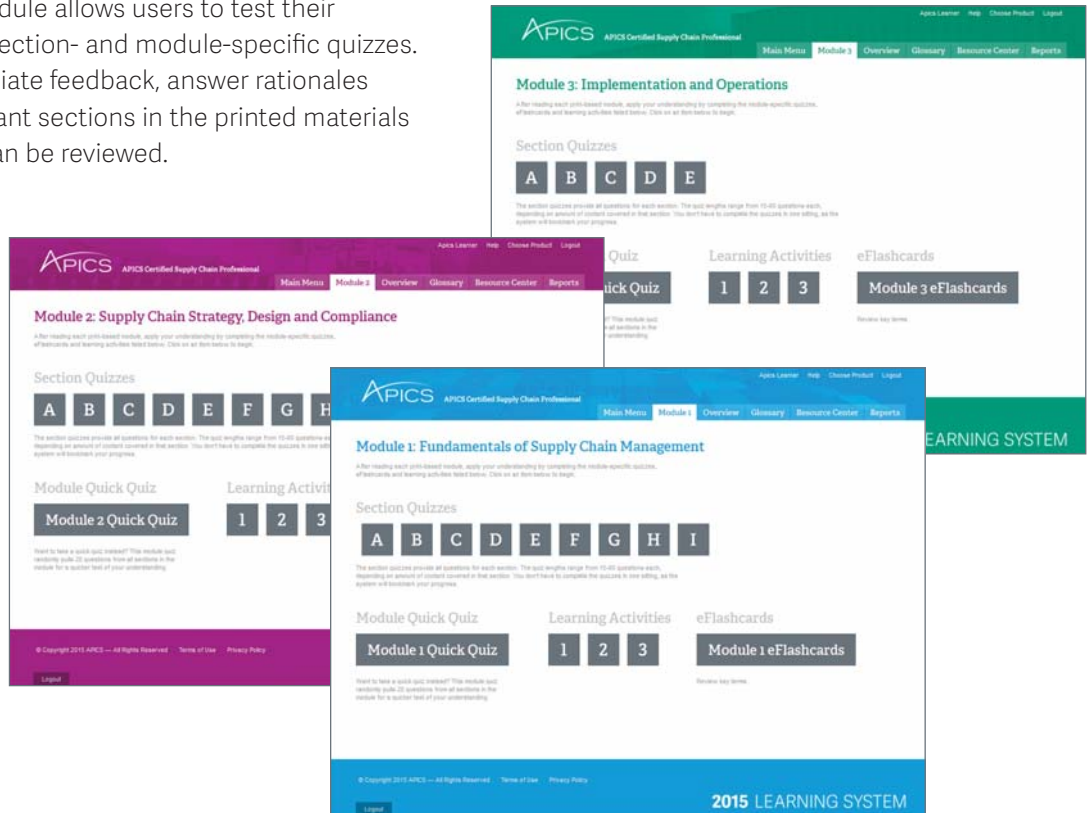
PRETESTS AND POSTTESTS

The pretests and posttests, consisting of 50 multiple-choice questions each, cover content drawn from the entire *APICS CSCP ECM*. After each question, users are provided immediate feedback, including the correct answer and the rationale behind the answer. A running total of questions answered correctly is provided as they proceed through the test. The pretest results provide users with an idea of their strengths and areas they need to work on; the posttest results measure progress following completion of the course. The pretests and posttests are weighted the same way the CSCP exam is weighted, and the topics are designed to follow the ECM outline.



MODULE-SPECIFIC TESTS

The conclusion of each module allows users to test their knowledge retention with section- and module-specific quizzes. The quizzes provide immediate feedback, answer rationales and references to the relevant sections in the printed materials so areas of improvement can be reviewed.

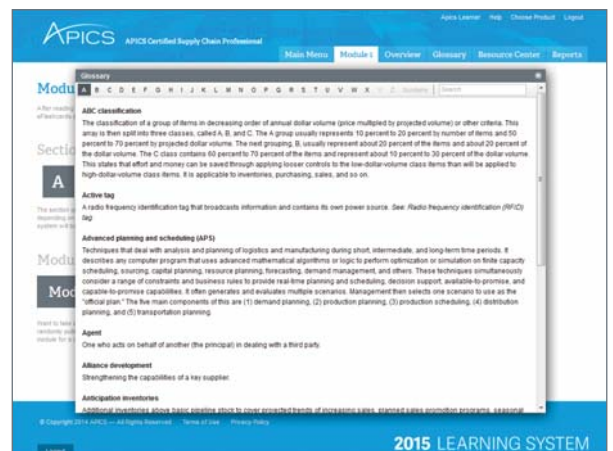


GLOSSARY

Based on the *APICS Dictionary*, 14th edition, and accessible any time during the program, the glossary allows users to look up definitions of terms without leaving current modules or activities.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES

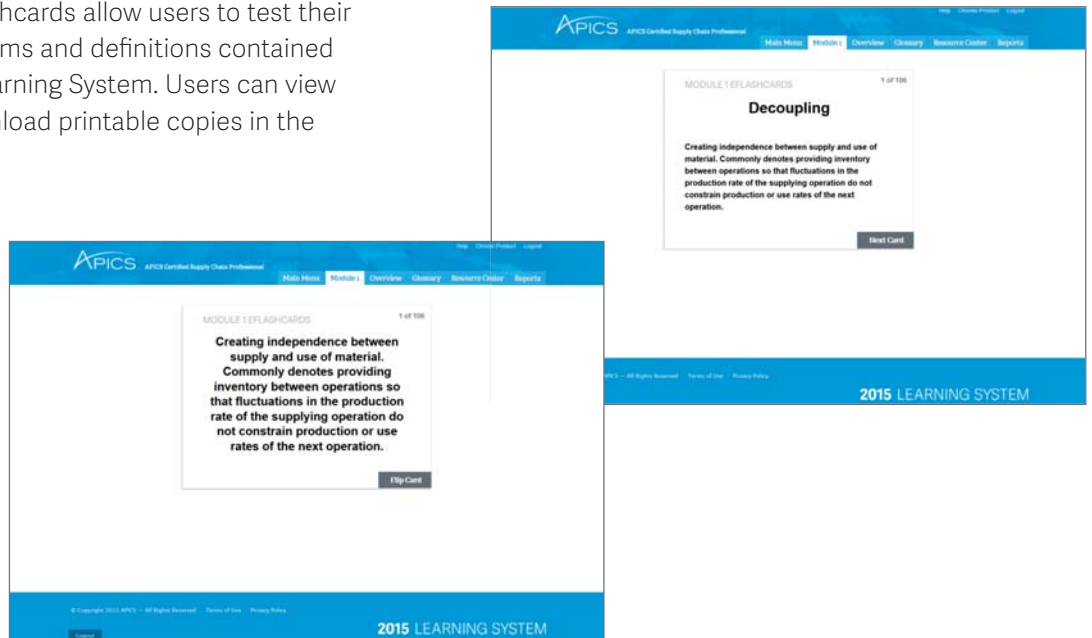
After reading the printed materials and taking the quizzes, users are encouraged to complete the Learning Activities. The exercises within the Learning Activities reinforce the concepts presented in the text and allow users to apply that knowledge in a real-world application.



Interactive Web-Based Study Tools (Continued)

eFLASHCARDS

A valuable study tool, eFlashcards allow users to test their knowledge of important terms and definitions contained within the APICS CSCP Learning System. Users can view eFlashcards online or download printable copies in the Resource Center.

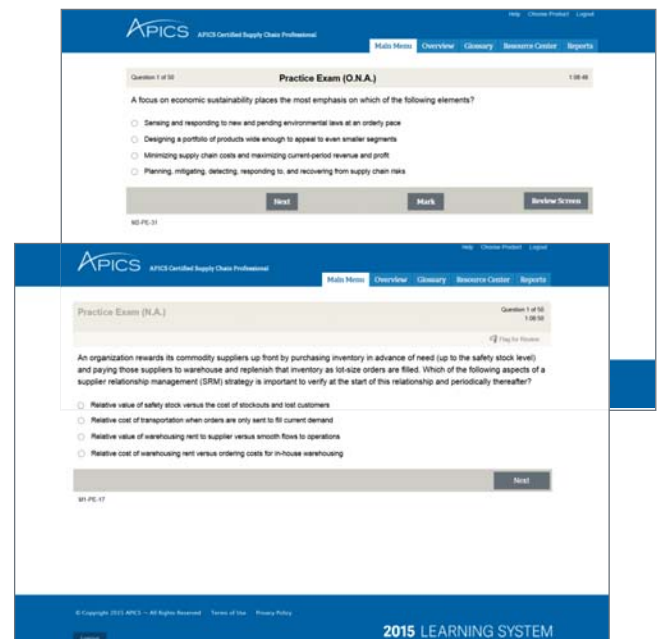


APICS CSCP PRACTICE EXAM

The APICS CSCP practice exam is designed to help users gain comfort and experience with the format and functionality of the computer-based APICS CSCP exam.

Using retired CSCP exam questions, this 50-question test is offered in two versions designed to simulate the environment of the testing center where candidates will be sitting for the CSCP exam — Pearson Vue in North America or Prometric for those testing Outside of North America.

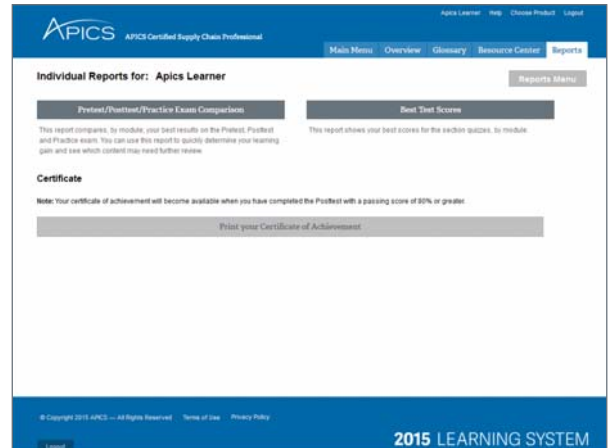
These practice tests measure elapsed time and assess whether you are on track to complete the APICS CSCP exam in the allotted time. Users can flag questions for review and skip and return to questions later in the test. Following the practice exam, users can review results, including incorrect and correct questions.



REPORTS

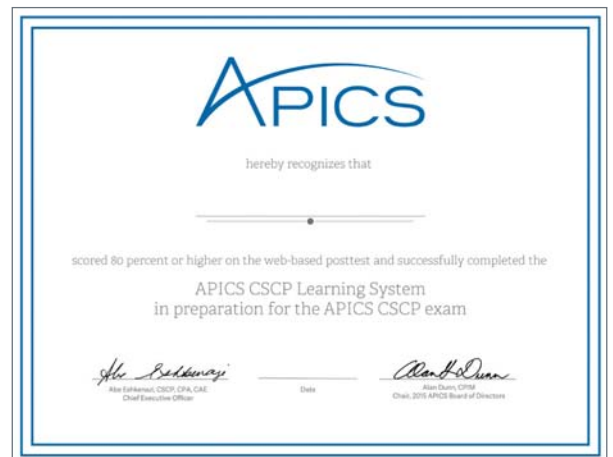
Participants can track and document progress through a complimentary reporting feature that includes pretest and posttest scores and module-specific test scores. Users can look at each test and review scores for each attempt. The Best Test Scores Report provides a summary of all quiz, test and exam scores broken down by module and section.

The Pretest, Posttest and Practice Exam Comparison Report reviews pretest, posttest and practice exam scores by module to measure understanding and retention of the materials.



CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Users scoring 80 percent or higher on the posttest earn a certificate of achievement, which indicates successful completion of the Learning System. The certificate is also valid for 30 APICS CPIM maintenance points.



Course Delivery Formats

SELF-DIRECTED

The self-directed format gives you the freedom to access the course whenever you need from wherever you are and the flexibility to study anytime and anywhere, enabling you to learn in your own style at your own pace. Select this learning option if you want to:

- Prepare from home or work or while traveling
- Create your own study plan and focus on the specific topics you need to master
- Save time and money on travel to training sites.

INSTRUCTOR-LED COURSES

The instructor-led format combines the APICS CSCP Learning System print and web-based components with the guidance of an experienced instructor. Global course listings can be found on the Partner and Event Finder at apics.org. This option is best suited for individuals who:

- Prefer face-to-face interaction with an instructor
- Thrive in a structured classroom setting
- Enjoy peer discussion and live instruction.

INSTRUCTOR-LED ONLINE COURSES

APICS instructor-led online courses are offered through Fox Valley Technical College. These online APICS CSCP review courses are interactive and easily navigated. These courses are asynchronous, so participants can take the course that is most in line with their own personal style. All workshops are taught by instructors who have earned APICS CSCP certification and have years of supply chain management experience. Participants will have the opportunity to interact online with instructors and fellow learners in a private environment.

CORPORATE LEARNING

Ensure consistent training for small or large groups of employees using the APICS CSCP Learning System and take advantage of volume discounts for groups of two or more. The program can be offered in a self-directed or instructor-led format at your facility. Whether participants are local to one site, or geographically dispersed, optional group reporting capabilities make it easy to track progress and document the learning gain as each person goes through the APICS CSCP Learning System web-based testing and review activities.

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