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SUPPLY CHAIN ASSOCIATE Dip

The Supply Chain Management Institute (IPICS) in partnership with the University of Limerick have developed a Level 7 apprenticeship for a Supply Chain Associate.

Based on the globally recognised body of knowledge in 'Production and Inventory Management' offered by APICS, this two year programme will provide learners and hosting organisations with the ability to understand and evaluate production and inventory activities within a company's global operations.

Developed by industry for industry, this is a work based education programme which supports the development of the supply chain knowledge base amongst practitioners in organisations. It combines learning in the workplace with blended learning through the University of Limerick.

Apprenticeship	Supply Chain Associate
NFQ level	Diploma, Level 7
Qualification on completion	Diploma in Supply Chain Management
Duration	2 years
Industry Lead	IPICS The Supply Chain Management Institute
Education Provider	University of Limerick
Delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blended Learning with virtual classrooms, online tutorials from subject matter experts, masterclasses• Site visits to practitioner and expert sites• Peer to peer learning community of practice• 'On the job' application through projects• Summer School
Applications By	July for a September start



For Professionals who:

- Have a minimum of 1 year of organisational experience in any manufacturing or service organisation
- Seek to enhance their understanding of supply chain activities and management, and acquire new and best-practice methods for efficient supply chain operations
- Evaluate performance of supply chain activities and identify opportunities for improvement and integration
- Respond to rapid changes in demand and capacity by adjusting and optimising supply chain activities
- Seek recognition as a supply chain associate
- Seek a third-level qualification

Benefits to the Employer

- Developed by industry for industry
- Improves staff retention and productivity
- Addresses and tackles skills shortage
- Government subsidized qualifications

Benefits to the Apprentice

- Gain a Diploma while working
- Develop career enhancing skills
- Learn best-practice from other organisations
- Excellent career progression prospects

How it Works

The modules in this two year programme are structured for blended delivery which minimises the time that participants are 'off the job'. A central interactive platform hosts the complete syllabus, and students can access course materials anytime and anywhere. Each module will be delivered and assessed over a period of five weeks.

- Virtual classrooms and online tutorials from subject matter experts
- Collaborative group work in virtual teams
- 2 years - 20 modules over 6 consecutive semesters
- Summer school during the first year at the University of Limerick
- Two in-company, self-directed projects
- Additional industry-based seminars and company visits to explore supply chain in practice in Irish and International enterprises.
- Participation in a Community of Practice. This will allow participants to interact and engage in peer-to-peer learning activities around the academic content.
- Support from an Industry Mentor within the company throughout the apprenticeship.



Entry Criteria

- Employers must be approved by UL and SOLAS and commit to support the apprentice throughout the programme.
- Open entry to those applicants >23yrs of age with at least 1 years work experience in any manufacturing or service organisation.
Or
- for those < 23yrs of age a pass leaving certificate or equivalent plus work experience of 1 year in any manufacturing or service organisation.

Course Content

YEAR 1

Autumn

INTRODUCTION TO SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT
PRINCIPLES OF INVENTORY MANAGEMENT
PRINCIPLES OF OPERATION PLANNING
PRINCIPLES OF MANUFACTURING MANAGEMENT

Spring

PRINCIPLES OF MANAGING OPERATIONS
PRINCIPLES OF DISTRIBUTIONS AND LOGISTICS
CASE STUDY
TEAMS, CHANGE AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Summer

REFLECTIVE LEARNING PORTFOLIO (SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT)
COMPANY PROJECT 1

YEAR 2

Autumn

INTRODUCTION TO MODELS AND FRAMEWORKS FOR SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT
FORECASTING AND SCHEDULING
SUPPLY AND DEMAND PLANNING
CASE STUDY 2

Spring

PROFESSIONAL PURCHASING
SUPPLY CHAIN OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT
STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT
TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS

Summer

COMPANY PROJECT 2
SKILLS PORTFOLIO (Supply Chain Operations)

Further Information and how to apply email apprenticeships@ul.ie. You can also contact one of our programme managers, Philomena Kelly 061-237770 or Elaine Butler 061-237798

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