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Designation Name	CPIM	CSCP	SCOR-P
Designation Type	Certification	Certification	Endorsement
Reach	Global	Global	Global
Member discount	Yes	Yes	Yes
Program Overview	Provides candidates with the ability to understand and evaluate production and inventory activities within a company's global operations.	Helps candidates demonstrate their knowledge and organizational skills for developing more streamlined operations across the extended supply chain.	Enables candidates to learn techniques for managing and measuring the performance of a global supply chain utilizing the Supply Chain Operations Reference (SCOR®) model.
Area of content	CPIM focuses on an organization's internal operations and provides an in-depth understanding of materials management, master scheduling, forecasting, production planning and provides the knowledge to apply this information across the extended supply chain.	CSCP focuses on the mastery of the extended supply chain, from organizations' suppliers through to the end customers. The CSCP designation validates professional understanding of supply chain management and the integration of operations across the extended supply chain.	Candidates learn the major process components (Plan, Make, Source, Deliver, Return and Enable) for managing and measuring the performance of a global supply chain by implementing the Supply Chain Operations Reference (SCOR®) model.
Eligibility Application	No	Yes	No
Candidate qualifications	▪No college degree is required	Candidates **must have**: ▪3 years of related business experience or ▪Bachelor's degree or the international equivalent, or ▪Hold one of the following designations: CPIM, CFPIM, CIRM, SCOR-P, CPM, CSM or CPSM	▪Candidates are recommended to have five years of working experience in a supply chain ▪SCOR-Professional training is recommended but not required

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Supply Chain operations areas most suited for designation	▪Production and inventory management ▪Operations ▪Supply chain management ▪Procurement ▪Materials management ▪Purchasing ▪Planning	▪Supply chain design ▪Supplier management ▪Transportation ▪Supply chain management ▪Distribution channels ▪3PL, 4PL ▪Customer management	▪Production management ▪Operations ▪Supply chain management ▪Procurement ▪Materials management ▪Inventory management
Supply Chain professional titles	▪Supply chain manager ▪Buyers or planners ▪Materials manager ▪Production planner ▪Consultant ▪Business analyst	▪Supply chain manager ▪Consultant, senior consultant ▪Supply chain project manager ▪Materials manager ▪Supply chain analyst ▪Business analyst ▪Logistics manager ▪Operations manager ▪Buyer, purchasing manager	▪Supply chain manager ▪Supply chain project manager ▪Materials manager ▪Logistics manager ▪Operations manager
Company benefit	The CPIM program provides employees with the understanding to evaluate production and inventory activities within an organization's global operations by improving efficiency, maximizing technology ROI and streamlining operations to address challenges and opportunities.	The CSCP program helps employees master advanced supply chain management principles that extend beyond an organizations internal end-to-end operations from suppliers to customers. It provides a higher-level of knowledge and skills needed to streamline operations and produce bottom line results.	The SCOR Professional program provides employees with the major process components of the SCOR framework (Plan, Make, Source, Deliver, Return and Enable) which helps companies to increase the speed of system implementations, improve inventory turns and drive measurable supply chain process improvement and business performance.
Candidate benefit	The CPIM program increases a candidate's functional knowledge of production and inventory management by providing them with the tools they need to effectively evaluate and manage activities.	The CSCP program provides candidates with the necessary tools to effectively manage global supply chain activities and enables them to implement best practice approaches to increase supply chain efficiencies.	The SCOR-P program builds a candidates SCOR knowledge so they will be able to manage supply chain projects with more predicable outcomes, improve supply chain performance and build team credibility with senior management and other departments.

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Study methods and guides	▪Self-study
	▪Online study
	▪Classroom study options
	▪Exam Content Manual (ECM)
	▪Participant workbook
	  ▪Online CPIM Study Tools
	▪CPIM Exam Simulator
	▪Recommended references
	▪APICS Dictionary
		▪Self-study
		▪Online study
		▪Classroom study options
		▪Exam Content Manual (ECM)
		▪CSCP Learning System
		  ▪Courseware materials
		  ▪Online content and quizzes
		▪APICS Dictionary
			▪SOCR-P Framework
			▪SCOR-P Quick Reference Guide
			▪SCOR-P APP
			▪SCOR-P courseware
			▪Sample questions guide
			▪On-line forums

Exam type	Computer-based multiple choice.	Computer-based multiple choice.	Computer-based multiple choice.

Exams	Must pass all five modules to become certified.
	5 modules each having their own exam:
	▪Basics of Supply Chain Management - 105 multiple choice questions. 80 operational and 25 pre-test* questions.
	▪**All other modules:** 75 multiple-choice questions per exam. 60 operational and 15 pre-test* questions.
	  ▪Master Planning of Resources
	  ▪Detailed Scheduling and Planning
	  ▪Execution and Control of Operations
	  ▪Strategic management of Resources
		Must pass one exam to become certified.
		
		175 multiple-choice questions. 150 operational and 25 pre-test* questions.
			Must pass one exam to become endorsed.
			
			60 multiple-choice questions.

Exam length	3 hours (per module)	4 hours	2 hours

*Pre-test questions do not contribute to the total score, but are necessary for research purposes. The pre-test questions are randomly distributed among the scored items and are used for statistical purposes only. Candidates should answer all exam questions.

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Exam Content	Exam content is developed according to the test outline included in the CPIM Exam Content Manual and validated by global subject matter experts. Exam questions are monitored through rigorous psychometric calibration and cross-referenced to industry-approved source material. A job task analysis study is conducted every 3 – 5 years to ensure content relevancy.	Exam content is developed according to the test outline included in the CSCP Exam Content Manual and validated by global subject matter experts. Exam questions are monitored through rigorous psychometric calibration and cross-referenced to industry-approved source material. A job task analysis study is conducted every 3 – 5 years to ensure content relevancy.	**SCOR Framework (40% of exam) covers:** ▪Key Concepts ▪Processes ▪Performance ▪Best Practices ▪Skills **SCOR Project (60% of exam) covers:** ▪Key Concepts ▪Pre-SCOR ▪Scope configure ▪Optimize ▪Ready
Exam scoring	APICS uses a scaled score methodology, which is a technique for equating scores in which the degree of difficulty varies from one exam form to the next. The APICS CPIM score range is 265 to 330. Fail = 265–299 Pass = 300-330	APICS uses a scaled score methodology, which is a technique for equating scores in which the degree of difficulty varies from one exam form to the next. The APICS CSCP score range is 200 to 350. Fail = 200–299 Pass = 300-350	APICS uses a percentage-correct scoring, giving the applicant a percentage based on the number of questions answered correctly. Each applicant must successfully answer 75% or higher to obtain a passing score on the exam and to receive the SCOR-P endorsement designation.
Pricing per exam	**International:** ▪APICS members $325 USD ▪Non-members: $410 USD	**International:** ▪APICS members $1,050 USD ▪Non-members: $1,300 USD	Price includes the SCOR-P training, materials and one Authorization to Test for North America and International. The SCOR-P exam may not be purchased separately. ▪APICS Members $3,730 USD ▪Non-members $4,640 USD
Retaking an exam	Candidates who fail an APICS CPIM exam must wait 14 full days before retaking the same exam. The retake price is the same as the exam price.	Candidates who fail an APICS CSCP exam must wait 14 full days before retaking the same exam. The retake fee is $450 USD.	Candidates who fail an APICS SCOR-P exam must wait 14 full days before retaking the same exam. The retake fee is $350 USD.

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Exam cancellation	**North America:** Candidates who no longer can test before their ATT expires will forfeit their exam fees. Any exam cancelled will result in forfeiture of your entire exam fee paid to APICS and your Authorization to Test (ATT) will be consumed. However, candidates who have already scheduled an exam and can no longer take it are encouraged to cancel the scheduled exam with Pearson VUE to free up the reserved seat for other exam candidates. **International:** Candidates must pay the $45 USD cancellation fee. Candidates who no longer can test within their originally selected window must cancel the exam directly in their My APICS account by accessing the online Authorization to Test Request Form. Once logged in, candidates will have the option to cancel their current ATT. Candidates will receive a confirmation email from Pearson VUE.	Candidates must pay the $45 USD cancellation fee. Candidates who no longer can test within their originally selected window must cancel the exam directly in their My APICS account by accessing the online Authorization to Test Request Form. Once logged in, candidates will have the option to cancel their current ATT. Candidates will receive a confirmation email from Pearson VUE.	Candidates who no longer can test before their ATT expires will forfeit their exam fees. Any exam cancelled will result in forfeiture of your entire exam fee paid to APICS and your Authorization to Test (ATT) will be consumed. However, candidates who have already scheduled an exam and can no longer take it are encouraged to cancel the scheduled exam with Pearson VUE to free up the reserved seat for other exam candidates.
Exam rescheduling	A rescheduling fee of $45 USD applies to any rescheduled exam. Rescheduling an exam less than one business day prior to your exam appointment is subject to a forfeited exam fee.	A rescheduling fee of $45 USD applies to any rescheduled exam. Rescheduling an exam less than one business day prior to your exam appointment is subject to a forfeited exam fee.	A rescheduling fee of $45 USD applies to any rescheduled exam. Rescheduling an exam less than one business day prior to your exam appointment is subject to a forfeited exam fee.

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Maintenance requirements	Candidates are required to maintain their certification every five years and must earn a total of 75 professional development points. The cycle starts the month the candidate becomes certified.	Candidates are required to maintain their certification every five years and must earn a total of 75 professional development points. The cycle starts the month the candidate becomes certified.	N/A
Maintenance points	Candidates who hold a CPIM and CSCP designation may apply earned points to both designations when submitting their maintenance applications.	Candidates who hold a CPIM and CSCP designation may apply earned points to both designations when submitting their maintenance applications.	N/A
Certification suspension	If a candidate does not maintain their certification within five years, their credentials will be suspended. With each additional year their certification is suspended, they will be required to submit additional professional development points to reinstate their certification.	If a candidate does not maintain their certification within five years, their credentials will be suspended. With each additional year their certification is suspended, they will be required to submit additional professional development points to reinstate their certification.	N/A
Maintenance application fees	▪APICS members $75 USD ▪Non-members $150 USD	▪APICS members $75 USD ▪Non-members $150 USD	N/A
Credential Verification	Yes	Yes	Yes