

Career

Paths

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

A major in supply chain management at URI will prepare you with the interdisciplinary and business analytics skills needed for linking major business processes and enhancing network innovation. The curriculum focuses on the strategic planning, design, operations, transportation, logistics, and improvement of all activities involved in the procurement, manufacture, and delivery of goods and services.

Planning and Forecasting

Example Career Paths: Capacity Planning | Forecasting & Demand Planning | Inventory Management | Inventory Deployment | Long-Term Capacity Planning | Material Requirements Planning | Performance Analysis | Supply Planning

Potential Employers: Manufacturers | Consumer Goods Retailers | Service Providers | Department of Defense | Armed Forces | Federal Emergency Management Agency | Department of Transportation | Trucking & Freight Companies | Shipping Companies

Professional Associations: [Association for Operations Management](#) | [Association for the Advancement of Cost Estimating](#) | [Association for Supply Chain Management](#)

Related Occupations: [Cost Estimators](#) | [Industrial Production Managers](#) | [Logisticians](#) | [Operations Research Analysts](#)

Purchasing/Sourcing/Buying

Example Career Paths: Category Management | Contract Management | Contract Negotiation | Global Buying | Indirect Sourcing | Procurement Analyst | Strategic Sourcing | Supplier Sourcing

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Professional Associations: [Association for Supply Chain Management](#) | [American Purchasing Society](#)

Related Occupations: [Cost Estimators](#) | [Industrial Production Managers](#) | [Logisticians](#) | [Purchasing Managers, Buyers, and Purchasing Agents](#)

Customer Supply Chain

Example Career Paths: Customer Fulfillment & Order Management | Customer Service Supply Chain | Customer Solutions | Logistics Customer Service

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Operations Management (Manufacturing & Warehousing)

Example Career Paths: Manufacturing | Materials Management | Operations Research | Process Engineering | Process Improvement | Production Management | Supply Chain & Network Optimization | Quality Management | Operations Systems Management | Warehouse Operations

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Professional Associations: [Association for Operations Management](#) | [Association for Manufacturing Excellence](#) | [National Association of Manufacturers](#)

Related Occupations: [Industrial Production Managers](#) | [Logisticians](#) | [Operations Research Analysts](#) | [Project Management Specialists](#) | [Quality Control Inspectors](#)

Logistics & Transportation Management

Example Career Paths: Account Management | Dispatching | Distribution | Fleet Management | Freight Management | Import/Exports | Logistics Network Design | Reverse Logistics | Transportation Management | Transportation Demand Forecasting

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Consulting & Strategy

Example Career Paths: Information Technology Implementation | Logistics Network Design | Process Engineering | Process Improvement | Software Selection | Strategic Sourcing | Supply Chain Optimization | Consulting

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Professional Associations: [Association for Operations Management](#) | [Association for Manufacturing Excellence](#) | [Association for Supply Chain Management](#)

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Preparing for your Career

- Stay informed about new developments and evolutions in the field through professional associations.
- Develop flexibility, negotiation skills, and the ability to make sound decisions. Information technology, analytical, and quantitative skills are important in supply chain management.
- Join relevant [College of Business clubs](#) to gain knowledge about professions of interest.
- Pursue internships to learn about the field and gain experience. Consider completing multiple internships during the school year and/or the summer to build more connections.
- Learn to work well on a team and to work effectively with a wide variety of people.
- Conduct informational interviews with professionals in field of interest to learn more about their work and build a network of contacts.
- Research relevant industry credentials such as the Certified Purchasing Manager (CPM) and Certification in Production & Inventory Management (CPIM).

This resource was adapted from What Can I Do With My Major.

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