SUPPLY CHAIN ASSOCIATE (DIPLOMA)

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The Supply Chain Management Institute (IPICS) in partnership with the University of Limerick have developed a Level 7 Diploma 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 with the ability to understand and evaluate production and inventory activities within a company's global operations.

With this knowledge Supply Chain Associates can help the business remain efficient and collaborate with colleagues across functions.

For Professionals whose goal is:

- Enhance their understanding of supply chain activities and management.

- Acquire new and best-practice methods for efficient supply chain operations.

- Develop career enhancing skills.

- Seek recognition as a supply chain associate.

- Attain a third-level qualification

NFQ Level	Level 9 Major Award
Qualification upon completion	Diploma in Supply Chain Management
Duration	2 years - 6 semesters
Industry Lead	IPICS The Supply Chain Management Institute
Education Provider	University of Limerick
Delivery	• Blended Learning with virtual classrooms, online weekly lectures • 'On the job' application through assignments and projects • Participation in a Community of Practice, Summer school and Masterclass series
Applications by	July for a September start

Course Content

Year 1		
Autumn	**Spring**	**Summer**
Introduction to Supply Chain Management	Principles of Managing Operations	Apprenticeship Personal and Professional Portfolio 1
Principles of Inventory Management	Principles of Distributions and Logistics	Company Project 1
Principles of Operation Planning	Case Study	
Principles of Manufacturing Management	Teams, Change and Cultural Diversity	
Year 2		
Autumn	**Spring**	**Summer**
Introduction to Models and Frameworks for Supply Chain Management	Professional Purchasing	Skills Portfolio (Supply Chain Operations)
Forecasting and Scheduling	Supply Chain Operations Management	Apprenticeship Personal and Professional Portfolio 2
Supply and Demand Planning	Strategic Management	Company Project 2
Case Study	Transport And Logistics	

Developed by industry for industry, this is a work based education programme which combines learning in the workplace with blended learning through the University of Limerick.

Modules are delivered online over a period of five weeks, which minimises the time that apprentices are 'off the job'. Apprentices will be assessed on a continous basis through a blend of course work and company projects.

Apprentices will participate in a Community of Practice and will have ongoing support from an Industry Mentor within the company.

Due to the practical nature of this apprenticeship, graduates will be able to respond to the growing needs of the supply chain sector, react and plan for efficiencies at supply chain associate level.

This apprenticeship is a step on the pathway for participants to undertake future learning appropriate to the role of Supply Chain Specialist, Level 8.

Entry Criteria

- Apprentices must have an Irish contract of employment for the duration of the programme and be employed in a Supply Chain role.

- Employers must be pre-approved by UL prior to SOLAS Authorised Officer engagement for this apprenticeship.

- Employers must identify a suitable mentor for the apprentice.

- 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.

Funding

Fees for Executive Apprenticeships are highly subsidised for approved applicants and represent 80-90% saving on programmes fees.

Further Information or to apply to the programme: email apprenticeships@ul.ie.
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