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SUPPLY CHAIN SPECIALIST (BSc)



The Supply Chain Management Institute (IPICS) in partnership with the University of Limerick have developed a Level 8 Hons Degree for a Supply Chain Specialist - The Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Supply Chain Management.

This programme will provide apprentices and employers with the advanced understanding and best-practice frameworks and techniques needed to manage effective supply chain operations. The programme will educate apprentices in the principles and practical application of SCOR DS framework concepts, enabling apprentices and supporting organisations to gain a competitive advantage and develop the ability to drive improvement in supply chain operations with measurable results.

For Professionals whose goal is to:

- 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.
- Enhance their understanding of supply chain activities and management.
- Develop career enhancing skills for mid-level managerial roles in supply chain or inventory operations.

NFQ Level	Degree, Level 8
Qualification upon completion	Bachelor of Science in Supply Chain Management (Hons)
Duration	2 years – 6 semesters
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 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
Advanced Models and Frameworks for Supply Chain Management	Source Within Supply Chains	Lean Sigma Improvement Methodologies
Plan With Supply Chains	Deliver And Return Within Supply Chains	Supply Chain Dynamics Game
Make Within Supply Chains	Business Intelligence and Decision Making	Apprenticeship Personal and Professional Portfolio 1
Organisational Behaviour	Statistics	
Year 2		
Autumn	Spring	Summer
Management of Change	Strategic Management	Supply Chain Project
Integrating Product Development into Production	Supply Chain Risk Assessment and Forecasting	Company Project 2
Simulation Modelling and Analysis	Corporate Social Responsibility	Apprenticeship Personal and Professional Portfolio 2
Supply Chain and Customer Relationship Management	Information Systems and Decision Support	

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 continuous 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 specialist level.

This apprenticeship is a step on the pathway for participants to undertake future learning appropriate to the role of Supply Chain Manager, Level 9.

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.
- Applicants should hold a NFQ level 7 at minimum in a relevant area.
- Applicants with a lower qualification may also be considered provided they can prove to have considerable industrial experience as well as evidence of the ability to study at Degree Level.

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](mailto:apprenticeships@ul.ie).
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