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What can you do with a major in Logistics and Supply Chain Management?

Campus(s) program is offered: Online

What are the most likely job titles one can expect to qualify for after completing this program?

Logisticians Procurement Managers Transportation Manager
Customer Service Manager Supply Chain Manager Warehouse Manager

Quality Manager

What do students express as the thing they enjoy the most about this program?

Learning how the supply chain drives the world economy. New and innovative ideas that help companies become lean and more efficient.

What is the least?

The complexity of the curriculum. The supply chain is involved, ever changing and complex.

What are some typical misconceptions about this program of study?

It only involves transportation. The supply chain/logistics industry is the second largest employer in the nation. There are jobs in all facets of the industry.

What are some essential skills a student needs to have to be successful in this program?

Critical Thinking — Using logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems.

Complex Problem Solving — Identifying complex problems and reviewing related information to develop and evaluate options and implement solutions.

Monitoring — Monitoring/Assessing performance of yourself, other individuals, or organizations to make improvements or take corrective action.

Time Management — Managing one's own time and the time of others.

Coordination — Adjusting actions in relation to others' actions.

Judgment and Decision Making — Considering the relative costs and benefits of potential actions to choose the most appropriate one.

Service Orientation — Actively looking for ways to help people.

What are some essential abilities a student needs to have to be successful in this program?

Deductive Reasoning — The ability to apply general rules to specific problems to produce answers that make sense.

Inductive Reasoning — The ability to combine pieces of information to form general rules or conclusions (includes finding a relationship among seemingly unrelated events).

Problem Sensitivity — The ability to tell when something is wrong or is likely to go wrong. It does not involve solving the problem, only recognizing there is a problem.

Information Ordering — The ability to arrange things or actions in a certain order or pattern according to a specific rule or set of rules (e.g., patterns of numbers, letters, words, pictures, mathematical operations). Near Vision — The ability to see details at close range (within a few feet of the observer).

What are typical skills and abilities that a student gains once he/she has completed the program of study?

- Transportation Management
- Warehouse and Inventory Management
- Supplier and Vendor Relationship Management
- Risk Management
- Global Supply Chain Concepts
- e-Commerce
- TMS (Transportation Management System) understanding

Typical work activities/occupational functions:

- Develop business relationships with suppliers and customers
- Work to understand customers' needs and how to meet them
- Direct the allocation of materials, supplies, and finished products
- Design strategies to minimize the cost or time required to move goods
- Review the success of logistical functions and identify areas for improvement
- Present performance data to management
- Propose improvements to management and customers
- Stay current on advances in logistics technology and incorporate new technologies into procedures

What additional training would you recommend for a student who wants to go to the next level in this field?

Obtain a BA or BS in logistics or supply chain management

Do any of the occupational courses transfer easily?

Yes, CTC has an articulation agreement with Southern Polytechnic State University. The graduate can continue their education and earn a BS in Logistics.

What are some common limitations, if any, in this program that students face?

The job can be stressful because logistical work is fast-paced. Ensuring that operations stay on schedule, and they must work quickly to solve any problems that arise. Some travel frequently to visit a company's manufacturing plants or distribution centers. Most work full time during regular business hours. When dealing with delivery problems or other logistical issues, they may work overtime to ensure that operations stay on schedule.

Are there any exams/certifications that a student needs to take after completing the courses? Are these exams/certifications offered on campus?

There are CSCMP certifications and Six Sigma that will enhance the student's career. However, these are not mandatory. Six Sigma is offered at CTC.

Possible employment settings:

Large and small companies hospitals, wholesalers, retailers, manufacturers, transportation companies, warehouses

Names of potential employers:

UPS Home Depot Lowe's Coca-cola Georgia Pacific Fastenal Fed Ex

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