The APICS Standard
Raising the bar on supply chain management
Shifting what success in supply chain management really looks like.

Since 1957, APICS has helped both individuals and organizations redefine success in supply chain management. As the premier professional association focused on supply chain management, we provide the research, education and certification programs that raise the bar on supply chain excellence, innovation and resilience.

Excellence. Redefined.

The APICS standard

As the leading authority in supply chain, APICS provides professionals with access to the knowledge and know-how they need to set a new standard for excellence.
**Best-in-class credentials**

The APICS Certified in Production and Inventory Management (CPIM), APICS Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP) and APICS Supply Chain Operations Reference Professional (SCOR-P) designations are widely sought after by employers.

**The first (and last) word in supply chain**

The *APICS Dictionary* provides terms and definitions that help ensure a common language among supply chain and operations management professionals working in today’s global environment.

**A strong knowledge base**

The *Operations Management Body of Knowledge* (OMBOK) framework was developed to help individuals and corporations understand and manage all aspects of the end-to-end supply chain.

**A world of influence**

With renowned certification programs and an extensive network of accomplished industry professionals, APICS is focused on developing supply chain talent and elevating supply chain performance all around the world.
Elevating your supply chain through professional development.

The success of an organization often rests on the skills of its workforce. APICS training and certification can help you enhance your team’s professional skills and improve your bottom line.
Sharpening the competitive edge

APICS education and certification programs offer teams the training they need to incorporate best practices, streamline processes and improve business performance.

A model of efficiency

The world’s leading supply chain framework, the Supply Chain Operations Reference (SCOR) model links business processes, performance metrics, practices and people skills into a unified structure.

An enhanced education

APICS education is designed to help corporations enhance the knowledge and skills of their supply chain and operations management professionals. Better education means better results.

Engage with APICS

There are many ways to engage with APICS. Whether you need ongoing professional development training for your supply chain team or access to SCOR frameworks and benchmarking for your organization, we’ll ensure you have the tools you need to be successful.
Business models. Realigned.

GE Oil & Gas

Situation
People, processes and tools — connected through standardized best practices born out of the APICS body of knowledge — drive operational excellence. Based on this principle, GE Oil & Gas initiated a multi-generational program that made materials management a strategic focus for its business.

30% INCREASE IN ON-TIME DELIVERY

Results
- 30+ percent increase in on-time delivery
- 30 percent reduction in slotting lead time
- 50 percent increase in capacity utilization
- Say/do ratio greater than 95 percent
- Highest inventory turns ever
- 150 employees engaged in APICS CPIM training
Helping build better supply chain businesses.

Thousands of organizations around the world rely on APICS’s products and services to transform their supply chain management.

### BASF

**Situation**

Improving supply chain performance and increasing integration of supply chain planning and execution processes were at the forefront of BASF’s global expansion strategy. Creating a global work standard from which supply chain employees would operate was also essential. The APICS body of knowledge was central to the success of the globalization strategy.

**Results**

- Increased integration of supply chain planning and execution
- Established global supply chain processes
- Employees and business partners working from the same standards
- Employee recognition connected to high morale
- 200 employees engaged in APICS CPIM training
- 140 employees engaged in APICS CSCP training
Your talents.
Retooled.

Giving you the skills and support to blaze a better path for your business or your career.

Better supply chain management starts and ends with people. Supply chain professionals turn to APICS for the education and networking opportunities needed to accelerate professional development and achieve a higher level of performance.

The best educational resources

APICS offers the most expert, current and relevant education in the industry. We ensure you are armed with the proven practices and time-tested methods to direct your organization toward cost- and time-saving solutions.

Sought-after designations

APICS certification differentiates you from the competition by instilling best practices and foundational knowledge to enhance your supply chain management skills and make you a valued leader within your organization.

A global network of experts

With access to APICS content and a global community of supply chain professionals, there are always opportunities to expand your understanding and grow your network.
Education and certification

Every supply chain professional’s situation is different. No matter what your career stage, APICS offers the education and designations you need to advance. We’re always looking for new ways to improve supply chains and grow our content and capabilities across the end-to-end supply chain.

Certified in Production and Inventory Management (CPIM)
The APICS CPIM is recognized globally as the standard of professional competence in production and inventory control. For over 40 years, employers have recognized the value APICS CPIM designees bring to their organizations.

Supply Chain Operations Reference Professional (SCOR-P)
The SCOR-P endorsement program establishes a global standard of excellence for learning and interpreting the SCOR model’s framework and demonstrates how to organize a typical SCOR project.

Education certificates
From risk management to S&OP, APICS offers certificates on topics that are in-demand for employers and their workforce.

Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP)
The APICS CSCP is the only certification program to address the entire end-to-end supply chain. That’s why thousands of employers worldwide look for the APICS CSCP designation when making hiring decisions.

Principles
The customizable Principles courseware series provides solid foundational operations management knowledge for professionals of all educational backgrounds and levels of work experience.

Logistics
Our merger with the American Society of Transportation and Logistics signals an intensified focus on logistics. Together we equip individuals and organizations to tackle crucial supply chain and logistics challenges by offering unmatched content, deep subject matter expertise and the industry’s most respected credentials.
Going beyond certification to advance supply chain.

APICS understands that successful supply chain management is a fluid process. We ensure individuals and organizations always have access to the most up-to-date and relevant information they need to maintain the highest standards of excellence.
Local events, global impact
APICS offers a variety of events to connect professionals to supply chain education and experts.

Conferences
APICS conferences provide relevant and applicable education on today’s most important topics.

Seminars
APICS offers one-day seminars and workshops to build specific skills and advance understanding on topics such as supply chain risk, sales and operations planning, and MRP.

Webinars
APICS offers access to a selection of webinars aimed at connecting members with industry experts for specialized topic-focused education.

Executive briefings
Executive-level meetings provide thought leadership, relevant research and networking opportunities for supply chain leaders.

Research fuels innovation
APICS research drives innovation by helping professionals gain a deeper understanding of the industry. Our research puts supply chain management professionals ahead of the game with insights into current and emerging trends and topics. Being at the nexus of corporate, practitioner and academic research provides APICS with unique insights into supply chain management.

Content that counts
From the award-winning APICS magazine to our series of e-newsletters and the Thinking Supply Chain blog (presented in English, simplified Chinese, Portuguese and Spanish), APICS publications help supply chain management professionals stay up-to-date on the latest news, trends, technologies and research.

Membership that matters
APICS membership connects professionals and organizations to a world of possibilities. Members are tapped into the largest network of supply chain leaders, with endless access to essential industry content, professional development resources and discounts on APICS’s most popular educational offerings, networking events and certification programs.
Collaboration. Reimagined.

Working together to raise the bar on supply chain excellence.

APICS Supply Chain Council (APICS SCC) is a nonprofit organization that advances supply chains through unbiased research, benchmarking and publications. APICS collaborates with corporations, nonprofit organizations and institutes of higher learning to gain deeper insights into the industry.
Engaging with APICS and APICS SCC

Affiliation
More than 400 leading organizations across a wide range of industries rely on APICS SCC to meet their evolving supply chain management needs. APICS affiliates gain access to research and publications, frameworks, benchmarking, training and education, and engagement opportunities. APICS SCC affiliation is available to corporations, public sector organizations and academic institutions.

APICS One
This program is available to corporations that are premier-level affiliates that also need support for their professional development initiatives through APICS membership.

Sponsorship
APICS sponsorship is a fully integrated program providing engagement opportunities across both APICS and APICS SCC. Sponsors access benchmark reports, frameworks, publications and research, as well as take advantage of training opportunities and tailored marketing possibilities.

Defining processes and measuring performance

Frameworks
APICS SCC’s value chain frameworks provide organizations with a standard for defining process and measuring performance. The SCOR model is the world’s leading supply chain framework, linking business processes, performance metrics, practices and people skills into a unified structure.

SCORmark benchmarking
Effective benchmarking against industry peers is critical to understanding opportunities for improvement. A SCORMark benchmark assesses the operational performance, complexity and process maturity through the plan, source, make, deliver, return and enable processes of your supply chain. It is a critical component required for supply chain transformation.
Global reach. Reshaped.

Making supply chain success a global conversation.

APICS knows how important supply chain management professionals are to their employers and the global economy.

APICS channel partners

APICS channel partners include professional chapters in North America and partner organizations around the world, both essential in the delivery of APICS products and services worldwide. Their local expertise gives supply chain organizations and professionals the insight and knowledge they need to succeed.

Professional chapters

APICS chapters are partners located throughout North America offering accessible, personalized education and career development, along with a strong local network of supply chain peers. APICS chapters deliver a variety of services, including instructor-led certification review classes, on-site training for organizations, and certification group study and testing opportunities, as well as location-specific seminars and workshops.

Global partners

APICS partner organizations bring our industry-defining knowledge, education and certification programs to a global audience. They are closely aligned with APICS to ensure the successful delivery of our products and services in the local markets they serve.
At the heart of APICS is a legacy of giving back — professionals, academics and volunteers serve on committees to advance the profession, build a sense of community around it, and provide organizations and individuals with support at the local level.

APICS SCC also relies on a committee of volunteers to establish its research priorities. The committee prioritizes the research projects that build the APICS repository of knowledge.

There are many ways to get involved, volunteer and contribute to the advancement of the supply chain industry.
Connect with APICS.

APICS advances careers, improves supply chain performance and enhances the global supply chain community. With over 43,000 members and more than 300 channel partners, APICS is transforming the way people do business, drive growth and reach global customers. No matter where you are or what your needs may be, APICS can help you raise the bar.

For more information, visit apics.org.