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QUALIFICATION: SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SCMA01-OS
MODE OF DELIVERY: ONLINE

DESCRIPTION

PROGRAMME PURPOSE

The supply chain is a crucial part of the success of any business. Optimising the flow of products and services as they are planned, sourced, made, delivered, and returned can give your business an extra competitive edge. This course will introduce you to the basic concepts of supply chain management, including the essential flow, core models, supply chain drivers, key metrics, benchmarking techniques, and ideas for taking your supply chain to the next level.

Online learning provides you with the opportunity to complete the course in a flexible environment from any location. While you will be required to spend time online weekly, you will be able to structure your study time around your own unique work and personal schedule.

PROGRAMME OUTCOMES

On completion of this course, the qualifying candidate will be able to:

1. Define supply chain management and logistics.
2. Explain the vertical integration and virtual integration models.
3. Understand the stages in the basic supply chain flow.
4. Identify participants in the supply chain.
5. Recognise supply chain drivers and ways to optimise them.
6. Align supply chain strategy with business strategy.
7. Determine what metrics to track and how to benchmark the related data.
8. Troubleshoot basic supply chain problems.
9. Identify ways to develop the supply chain, such as using third-party logistics providers (3PLs), insourcing processes, develop sustainable and eco-friendly strategies, leveraging process improvement strategies and adopting new techniques.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The following key topics are covered in the course:

- The evolution of the supply chain
- The basic supply chain structure
- Understanding supply chain drivers
- Aligning the supply chain with business strategy
- Managing supply chain risks
- Tracking and evaluating supply chain data
- Troubleshooting supply chain problems
- Sharing supply chain activities
- Sustainable supply chain strategies
- Applying lean techniques to the supply chain
- The future of supply chain management.

MODULE DESCRIPTIONS

Online Short Course Supply Chain Management SCMA01-OS

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Open enrolment
- English proficiency required.

English proficiency

Foreign applicants whose first language is not English are required to provide proof of proficiency in English prior to admission to the qualification. Foreign students who do not hold a South African matric certificate must present a matric verification from the South African Matriculation Board on application.

ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY

Milpark provides students with materials, resources, formative assessments (including online tests and quizzes), discussion opportunities and a number of administrative services as part of the *myMilpark* and *myCourses* online tuition and support environments. Course materials direct students to additional external resources in the form of links to downloadable documents, websites and videos.

Having access to the online facilities above is essential for efficient communication, learning and success. You will need continuous (daily) access to study, using the resources mentioned above, and to submit and receive your assignments.

Minimum system requirements

1.   Reliable internet connection with continuous access
2.   Firefox/Internet explorer/Chrome web browser
3.   Microsoft Word
4.   The means to open and read PDF documents
5.   The means to scan and upload documents
6.   Email/cellphone for notification and communication.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Library access

The Milpark Library now provides access to e-books in a virtual library called Cyberlibris (Scholartext). Lecturers may create smart bookshelves per course or module for students to access (these shelves can contain prescribed and recommended books). Students can also create their own personal smart bookshelves containing resources for their studies. Having access to a digital library means that thousands of students can access books and resources from anywhere at the same time online. There is no need to make reservations and requests, and no limit to the time a student has to access a book. With the implementation of Cyberlibris, students also have access to full-text resources via Emerald (global), Ebsco (global) and Sabinet (South African publications) to assist with research and to enrich their learning experience. Access to the Library is included in the module fee.

Tutor

Comprehensive student support services are available. Students are provided with administrative support by Student Services. To assist with understanding content, students have access to tutors whom they can contact individually. Students who experience study and/or personal problems have access to a student counsellor. All support services are available to registered students via *myMilpark* (*myCourses*).

ASSESSMENT

An integrated approach to assessment is applied. The practical nature of the course is emphasised in all assessments.

The following are examples of assessments/activities that you could be exposed to during your course:

- Online quiz or online test
- Individual and/or group assignments with open-ended questions
- Online discussion forums with other students and your course lecturer
- Watching videos and summarising the main points
- Reading and engaging with study material, articles or information on websites

- Researching a specific topic and summarising your findings.

The exact structure of your assessments will be communicated to you in a detailed assessment plan when the course commences. A minimum final mark of 50% will be required in order to complete the course successfully.

DURATION

This course will run over a period of four weeks from Tuesday to Monday every week.

CERTIFICATION

Upon successful completion of the study programme and internal assessments, candidates will be awarded the Short Course Certificate in Supply Chain Management.

FURTHER STUDIES

Students who have successfully completed this short course certificate may articulate onto other short courses. Students may at any time apply for admission to any of Milpark's further or higher-education qualifications, where they may be admitted, subject to the admission requirements of each qualification.

PRICING

The course fees include access to the online environment (including library services) for the full duration of the course, all study material, access to the lecturer online and one cycle of assessments.

DISCLAIMER

The content of this brochure is accurate at the time of going to print. Milpark Education reserves the right to change the course content due to changes in legislation, market requirements and other reasons. Notice of such changes will be published on our website.

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