

Training Course on Supply Chain Optimization

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Business	Duration	10 Days
Base Fee	\$3,000 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. **Mastering Demand Forecasting Techniques:** Learn advanced **demand planning** and **predictive analytics** for accurate inventory management.
2. **Implementing Lean Inventory Management:** Apply **just-in-time (JIT)** and **economic order quantity (EOQ)** models to minimize holding costs.
3. **Optimizing Warehouse Operations:** Improve **warehouse efficiency** through strategic layout design and **automation**.
4. **Streamlining Transportation and Logistics:** Utilize **route optimization software** and **freight management systems** for cost-effective delivery.
5. **Enhancing Supplier Relationship Management:** Build strong **supplier partnerships** and implement effective **vendor management** strategies.
6. **Leveraging Technology in Supply Chain:** Explore the application of **blockchain in supply chain**, **IoT for supply chain visibility**, and **AI in logistics**.
7. **Improving Supply Chain Visibility:** Implement systems for end-to-end **supply chain transparency** and real-time tracking.
8. **Mitigating Supply Chain Risks:** Develop strategies for **supply chain risk management** and building resilient supply chains.
9. **Adopting Sustainable Supply Chain Practices:** Integrate **environmental sustainability in logistics** and ethical sourcing into supply chain operations.
10. **Utilizing Data Analytics for Decision Making:** Apply **supply chain analytics** and **business intelligence** tools for informed decision-making.
11. **Implementing Agile Supply Chain Strategies:** Develop **flexible supply chain models** to adapt to market changes and disruptions.
12. **Improving Collaboration and Communication:** Foster effective **supply chain collaboration** among internal teams and external partners.
13. **Measuring and Improving Supply Chain Performance:** Utilize **key performance indicators (KPIs)** for **supply chain performance measurement** and continuous improvement.

Organizational Benefits:

- Reduced operational costs through optimized processes.
- Improved efficiency and productivity across the supply chain.
- Enhanced customer satisfaction through timely and reliable delivery.
- Increased agility and responsiveness to market changes.
- Better inventory management and reduced holding costs.
- Stronger supplier relationships and improved negotiation power.
- Enhanced visibility and control over the entire supply chain.
- Mitigation of potential risks and disruptions.
- Improved sustainability and ethical sourcing practices.
- Data-driven decision-making for continuous improvement.

Target Audience:

1. Supply Chain Managers
2. Logistics Professionals
3. Operations Managers
4. Procurement Specialists
5. Inventory Planners
6. Business Analysts
7. Project Managers
8. Individuals seeking career advancement in supply chain management

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Module 1: Foundations of Supply Chain Management

- Understanding the scope and importance of supply chain management.
- Key components and flows within a supply chain.
- Different types of supply chains and their characteristics.
- The role of technology in modern supply chains.
- Introduction to supply chain optimization principles.

Module 2: Demand Forecasting and Planning

- Overview of different forecasting techniques (qualitative and quantitative).
- Utilizing statistical models for demand prediction.
- Collaborative Planning, Forecasting, and Replenishment (CPFR).
- Measuring forecast accuracy and managing forecast errors.
- Integrating demand forecasts with inventory planning.

Module 3: Inventory Management Strategies

- Understanding the costs associated with inventory.
- Applying different inventory control models (e.g., EOQ, safety stock).
- Implementing Just-in-Time (JIT) and Lean inventory principles.
- Inventory classification techniques (e.g., ABC analysis).
- The impact of lead time variability on inventory levels.

Module 4: Warehouse and Distribution Center Management

- Principles of warehouse layout and design for efficiency.
- Warehouse automation technologies and their applications.

- Inventory storage and retrieval systems.
- Order fulfillment processes and optimization.
- Managing warehouse labor and resources effectively.

Module 5: Transportation and Logistics Optimization

- Different modes of transportation and their characteristics.
- Route optimization and transportation planning software.
- Freight rate negotiation and carrier selection.
- International logistics and customs procedures.
- Strategies for reducing transportation costs and improving delivery times.

Module 6: Supplier Relationship Management (SRM)

- Identifying and segmenting key suppliers.
- Developing effective communication and collaboration strategies.
- Supplier performance evaluation and management.
- Negotiation techniques and contract management.
- Building strategic alliances and partnerships with suppliers.

Module 7: Supply Chain Technology and Digital Transformation

- Overview of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems.
- The role of Warehouse Management Systems (WMS).
- Transportation Management Systems (TMS).
- Leveraging Internet of Things (IoT) for supply chain visibility.
- Exploring the applications of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) in supply chain.

Module 8: Enhancing Supply Chain Visibility and Traceability

- Importance of end-to-end supply chain visibility.
- Implementing tracking and tracing technologies (e.g., RFID, GPS).
- Data collection and management for improved transparency.
- Utilizing dashboards and analytics for real-time insights.
- Building a connected and transparent supply chain ecosystem.

Module 9: Supply Chain Risk Management and Resilience

- Identifying potential risks and vulnerabilities in the supply chain.
- Developing risk mitigation and contingency plans.
- Implementing business continuity strategies.
- Assessing and managing disruptions (e.g., natural disasters, geopolitical events).
- Building a resilient and adaptable supply chain.

Module 10: Sustainable Supply Chain Management

- Understanding the environmental and social impacts of supply chains.
- Implementing green logistics and transportation practices.
- Ethical sourcing and supplier code of conduct.
- Circular economy principles and waste reduction.
- Measuring and reporting on sustainability performance.

Module 11: Supply Chain Analytics and Performance Measurement

- Identifying key performance indicators (KPIs) for supply chain performance.
- Collecting and analyzing supply chain data.
- Utilizing business intelligence tools for reporting and visualization.
- Identifying areas for improvement through data-driven insights.
- Implementing continuous improvement methodologies.

Module 12: Agile and Adaptive Supply Chains

- Understanding the need for agility in today's dynamic environment.
- Developing flexible and responsive supply chain models.
- Implementing postponement and customization strategies.
- Utilizing modularity and standardization.
- Building a supply chain that can quickly adapt to changing market demands.

Module 13: Collaboration and Communication in the Supply Chain

- The importance of effective communication across the supply chain.
- Building collaborative relationships with internal and external stakeholders.
- Utilizing communication platforms and tools.
- Overcoming communication barriers and fostering trust.
- Establishing clear roles and responsibilities for seamless collaboration.

Module 14: Implementing Supply Chain Optimization Initiatives

- Developing a strategic roadmap for supply chain optimization.
- Identifying and prioritizing optimization opportunities.
- Managing change and stakeholder buy-in.
- Utilizing project management methodologies for implementation.
- Measuring the impact and return on investment of optimization initiatives.

Module 15: The Future of Supply Chain Management

- Emerging trends and technologies in supply chain (e.g., robotics, drones).
- The impact of e-commerce and omnichannel strategies.
- The role of data and analytics in shaping future supply chains.
- Developing a future-ready supply chain workforce.
- Continuous learning and adaptation in the evolving supply chain landscape.

Training Methodology:

This course employs a blended learning approach incorporating:

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Case studies and real-world examples.
- Group discussions and collaborative exercises.
- Practical workshops and simulations.
- Access to online resources and tools.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

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Key Notes

- a.** The participant must be conversant with English.
- b.** Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate
- c.** Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.
- d.** The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.
- e.** One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.
- f.** Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you

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Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Online	\$2,000
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$3,000
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