# PICS **CERTIFIED IN PLANNING AND INVENTORY MANAGEMENT** The APICS Certified in Planning and Inventory Management (CPIM) provides a comprehensive body of knowledge, best practices and standards to allow candidates to better respond to supply disruptions, respond to demand variations and manage supply chain risk. CPIM serves the needs of both professionals and employers around the world by making you a more valuable asset to your organization and keeping you and your organization more competitive in today's global economy.



# Why should I earn the CPIM?

The pandemic caused a major shift in consumer demand and put a spotlight on supply chain vulnerabilities. This makes planning more important than ever, and the CPIM program gives you the tools and skills to address these challenges.

Earning the APICS CPIM demonstrates mastery of an organization's internal operations and an in-depth understanding of materials management, master scheduling, forecasting, production planning and how it applies across the extended supply chain.

### After earning the CPIM you will be able to:

- Increase inventory accuracy and reduce inventory
- Improve forecasting
- Improve the S&OP process
- Manage and apply capacity resource planning
- Work more productively with your company's ERP system

# What will I study?

The CPIM Learning System content is divided into 8 modules. The concepts and best practices you learn will help you elevate your job performance, drive improvement in the efficiency of planning and operations and make a positive impact on your organization's overall bottom line.

Module 1: Supply Chains and Strategy

Module 2: Sales and Operations Planning

Module 3: Demand
Module 4: Supply

Module 5: Detailed Schedules

Module 6: Inventory

Module 7: Distribution

Module 8: Quality, Technology and Continuous Improvement

23%

Increase your salary by up to 23%.

**27%** 

APICS certified individuals earn **27%** more than those without a certification.









## How will I study?

The CPIM Learning System is a comprehensive program that combine print and online reading materials, online practice tests and interactive study tools to ensure you're prepared for the exams. Choose from four flexible study options that fit your schedule and learning style: self-study, instructor-led, instructor-supported or corporate/group learning. Each option is based around the CPIM Learning System.

The CPIM Learning System incorporates three components to help you apply the concepts and test your understanding and retention of the information.

#### 1. ASSESS

- Complete the pretest to determine your current knowledge and identify areas for improvement.
- Based on your pretest scores, the online learning system will recommend the most efficient study plan.

#### 2. STUDY

- Utilize convenient study options: read printed books or access online study materials via any mobile device, tablet or computer - 24/7.
- Benefit from microlearning features in the online learning system; focus on smaller content segments for a more efficient use of available time.
- Take the chapter quizzes to test knowledge retention and receive immediate feedback, answer rationales and references to the relevant sections in the reading materials.
- Complete the Learning activities, including new in-depth videos, and real-life case studies to help reinforce concepts presented.
- Study flashcards to reinforce your memory of key terms, concepts and definitions.

#### 3. PRACTICE

- Take the practice exam which was designed to help users gain experience with the format of the computer-based exams.
- Access additional information about the certification exam, study tools, and test-taking tips.
- Access the "My Progress" section to track your quiz scores and learning gain.

## How do I test?

The CPIM exam consists of 150 questions answered in 3.5 hours. Receive your results immediately after completing the exam. With a passing score, you can start using your new CPIM credential immediately!

Online testing is now available, providing you with the convenience of taking an exam from the comfort of your home or office.

Visit PearsonVUE at pearsonvue.com/apics for more information on testing.

## How much will it cost?

Learning System: \$1,655

Members with Certification Upgrade — \$1,190

Exam: \$1,655

Members with Certification Upgrade — \$1,190

Bundle: \$2,145

(Includes CPIM learning system, exam and 2nd Chance Exam)

## Ready to get started?

Visit ascm.org/cpim to start your certification journey today!

# **About APICS and ASCM**

The Association for Supply Chain Management (ASCM) is the global pacesetter of organizational transformation, largest association for supply chain, ASCM members operations. ASCM is built on a foundation of worldclass APICS education, certification and career resources, which encompass award-winning workforce development, relevant content, groundbreaking industry

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