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Why This Course

In an increasingly interconnected global economy, efficient and strategic supply chain management is essential for achieving operational excellence and competitive advantage. The Purchasing and Supply Chain Management Program is an intensive 1-week course designed to provide professionals with a comprehensive understanding of modern procurement, logistics, and supply chain strategies.

Through a combination of case studies, practical exercises, and interactive workshops, participants will learn to develop strategic sourcing plans, optimize inventory levels, strengthen supplier relationships, and leverage analytics and digital tools to enhance decision-making and performance.

This program is ideal for purchasing officers, supply chain professionals, logistics managers, and business leaders seeking to master the end-to-end processes of supply chain and procurement management.

What You'll Learn and Practice

By completing this program, participants will:

- Develop and execute strategic sourcing and procurement strategies.
- Build strong supplier relationships and implement performance management systems.
- Apply best practices in demand planning and inventory optimization.
- Utilize data analytics and digital technologies to enhance supply chain performance.
- Manage global supply chain operations with a focus on sustainability and resilience.

The Program Flow

Day 1: Foundations of Purchasing and Supply Chain Management

- Overview of purchasing and supply chain management concepts.
- The strategic importance of procurement in business performance.
- Supply chain integration, coordination, and collaboration.
- Key performance indicators KPIs in supply chain management.



Day 2: Strategic Sourcing and Supplier Management

- Strategic sourcing frameworks and best practices.
- Supplier evaluation, selection, and segmentation.
- Advanced negotiation and contracting strategies.
- Supplier relationship management and continuous improvement.

Day 3: Inventory Management and Demand Planning

- Inventory control and optimization techniques.
- Demand forecasting methods and tools.
- Lean principles, Just-in-Time JIT, and supply chain agility.
- Risk management and contingency planning for inventory operations.

Day 4: Supply Chain Technology and Analytics

- E-procurement systems and digital transformation in supply chains.
- Big data analytics for operational and strategic decision-making.
- Blockchain applications for supply chain transparency and traceability.
- Artificial Intelligence AI and Machine Learning ML in predictive analytics.

Day 5: Global Supply Chain Management and Future Trends

- Managing global supply networks and logistics complexities.
- Sustainability, ethical sourcing, and green supply chain strategies.
- Building supply chain resilience and risk mitigation frameworks.
- Emerging trends shaping the future of global supply chain management.

Individual Impact

- Gain an advanced understanding of supply chain dynamics and procurement strategies.
- Enhance leadership, analytical, and negotiation skills for managing suppliers and partners.
- Strengthen decision-making capabilities through data-driven insights.
- Develop practical solutions to improve efficiency, cost control, and sustainability.

Organizational Impact

- Improve supply chain performance, agility, and cost-effectiveness.
- Strengthen supplier collaboration and strategic sourcing efficiency.
- Enhance data visibility and responsiveness across the supply chain.
- Drive innovation, sustainability, and resilience in procurement operations.



Training Methodology

This program blends theory with practical application through:

- Real-world case studies and industry simulations.
- Group projects on sourcing, inventory, and risk management.
- Interactive discussions and digital tool demonstrations.
- Expert-led workshops on analytics, technology, and global best practices.

Beyond the Course

Upon completion, participants will be equipped to design, manage, and optimize end-to-end supply chain and procurement processes, driving strategic value and competitive advantage for their organizations.

Graduates of this program will emerge as supply chain leaders — agile, analytical, and capable of transforming global operations in an evolving business landscape.

