

Supply Chain Career Ready Certification

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Supply Chain Career Ready certification program is a unique opportunity for undergraduate students in the early phases of UTK's Supply Chain Management program to learn more about the field, develop technical skills, network with industry professionals, and engage with the Haslam College of Business and Supply Chain Management department. SCM students typically don't begin major-specific classes until late in their junior year, so "Career Ready" students will stand out to potential employers and unlock a variety of opportunities that can enhance their Supply Chain experience in college and beyond.

The best part is that it is all self-paced, and you can work on it at whatever times are best for you. There are no UTK fees for participating in this program, and the certifications you'll earn are provided through tools already available to you as a UTK student.

PROGRAM GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- **Gain Relevant Supply Chain Experience** – Through earning certifications in useful supply chain tools and technology
- **Develop a Well-Rounded Idea of Careers in Supply Chain** – Learn from experienced SCM professionals about various functions of the supply chain to make more informed decisions about where you might want to work after graduation
- **Network with Employers** – Connect with SCM professionals from leading global companies and have your resume sent out to all Supply Chain Forum Partner companies at the beginning of Fall recruiting season
- **Grow Professionally** – Through targeted career and job search assistance

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

This is an asynchronous, self-paced program. It includes a range of activities, from engaging with learning material on Canvas to attending UTK-sponsored events and setting up 1:1 sessions with employers. The purpose of these requirements is for you to grow professionally while engaging with your field and pursuing your own career development. The format allows you to set your own goals and demonstrate to employers that you have the skills and discipline to work on your own.

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

All program documents, information, and announcements will be shared via Canvas or email.

PARTICIPATION AND EXPECTATIONS

You are expected to complete all assignments in each of our four modules at your own pace by no later than 6 months from when you were given access to the Canvas course for the program. In addition to submitting assignments, you must also watch all videos and read all articles in the modules. The program is not designed to take up very much of your time, but it is important to budget your time wisely and remain on track to complete everything by the final due date. After completing the course, you will be included in our special resume book for "Career Ready" students and invited to participate in an exclusive networking opportunity at the end of the semester where you will receive a "Supply Chain Career Ready" Certificate from our department and get to network with at least one employer partner.

This is not an academic course and therefore does not yield academic credit or a final letter grade. Rather, the goal is for participants to develop relevant skills pertaining to Supply Chain Management and also hone skills that would have been gained in an internship in order to effectively approach future job

searches. Therefore, you'll get out of this program what you choose to put in, and completing it will yield the right to include this on your resume in addition to the support of our department in saying that you took the time to develop SCM knowledge and skills outside of the classroom.

Requirements include completion of all four modules:

Supply Chain 101: Learn about critical Supply Chain functions and reflect on which areas interest you most.

Technical Skills & Analytics: Build your SCM skillset with data literacy, coding, and visualization programs that are in high demand with companies. This will involve you completing training and certifications on RStudio, SQL, and Power BI or Tableau.

Networking & Professional Development: Expand your professional network through contact with industry professionals and build valuable connections for your future. You'll create your best 1-page resume, attend career programming, develop a strong LinkedIn profile, and engage one-on-one with employers to learn about the field of supply chain management.

SCM Department and Global Supply Chain Institute Engagement: Engage with UT's Global Supply Chain Institute, faculty, and Supply Chain student organizations.

Timeline:

Students must complete the entirety of the Supply Chain Career Ready certification program within 6 months of beginning it to have their resume included in the resume book and receive an official certification from the SCM department. There is an added incentive to complete it before the end of the upcoming semester, as we will host a special networking event to celebrate your completion along with one or more employer partners.

Register today:

[Use this link to register.](#) You'll receive an email invitation to the Canvas page for the certificate program within 2 weeks of registering. You'll maintain access to this course for 6 months, and can complete it at your own pace. The Canvas page has a ton of details and instruction about how to navigate it and work through the material, but if you have any questions, you can reach out to the contacts below.

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