

# APICS Certifications and Endorsement Comparison Chart

Designation Name	CPIM	CSCP	CLTD	SCOR-P
Designation type	Certification	Certification	Certification	Endorsement
Program Overview	CPIM focuses on the mastery of an organization's internal operations and provides an in-depth understanding of the Fundamentals of Demand Management, Plan Supply, Executing the Supply Plan, Inventory Management, Continuous Improvement and Quality Management and Technologies, Strategy and S&OP and provides the knowledge to apply this information across the extended supply chain.	CSCP focuses on the mastery of the extended supply chain, from organizations' suppliers through to the end customers. The CSCP designation validates professional understanding of supply chain management and the integration of operations across the extended supply chain.	CLTD focuses on the mastery of the essential knowledge needed for the logistics, transportation and distribution industry. The CLTD designation expands candidates outlook on the logistics field and enables them to bring new ideas to their organization.	Candidates learn the major process components (Plan, Source, Make, Deliver, Return and Enable) for managing and measuring the performance of a global supply chain by implementing the Supply Chain Operations Reference (SCOR) model.
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No eligibility requirements</li> </ul>	<p>To be <a href="#">eligible to take the APICS CSCP</a> exam, you must have at least <b>one</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 years of business experience</li> <li>A bachelor's degree or international equivalent or</li> <li>An Active CPIM, CPIM-F, CIRM, SCOR-P, CPM, CPSM, CLTD, or CLTD-F certification</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No eligibility requirements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No eligibility requirements</li> </ul>
Supply Chain Operations Areas Most Suited for Designation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning</li> <li>Production and inventory management</li> <li>Operations</li> <li>Supply chain management</li> <li>Procurement</li> <li>Materials management</li> <li>Purchasing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supply chain design</li> <li>Supplier management</li> <li>Transportation</li> <li>Supply chain management</li> <li>Distribution channels</li> <li>3PL, 4PL</li> <li>Customer management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Logistics services</li> <li>Transportation</li> <li>Government &amp; Military</li> <li>Distribution channels</li> <li>Consulting</li> <li>3PL, 4PL</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Production management</li> <li>Operations</li> <li>Supply chain management</li> <li>Procurement</li> <li>Materials management</li> <li>Inventory management</li> </ul>
Company Benefit	The CPIM program increases a candidate's functional knowledge of planning, production and inventory management activities within an organization's global operations by improving efficiency, maximizing technology ROI and streamlining operations to address challenges and opportunities.	The CSCP program helps employees master advanced supply chain management principles that extend beyond an organization's internal end-to-end operations from suppliers to customers. It provides a higher-level of knowledge and skills needed to streamline operations and produce bottom line results.	The CLTD program provides employees with the understanding to evaluate logistic, transportation and distribution activities within an organization's global operations by improving efficiency, maximizing technology ROI and streamlining operations to address today's supply chain logistics challenges.	The SCOR Professional program provides employees with the major process components of the SCOR framework (Plan, Source, Make, Deliver, Return and Enable) which helps companies to increase the speed of system implementations, improve inventory turns and drive measurable supply chain process improvement and business performance.
Candidate Benefit	The CPIM program increases a candidate's functional knowledge of production and inventory management by providing them with the tools they need to effectively evaluate and manage activities.	The CSCP program provides candidates with the necessary tools to effectively manage global supply chain activities and enables them to implement best practice approaches to increase supply chain efficiencies.	The CLTD program provides candidates with the essential knowledge needed for today's logistic, transportation and distribution challenges and enables them to implement best practice approaches to increase logistic efficiencies.	The SCOR-P program builds a candidate's SCOR knowledge so they will be able to manage supply chain projects with more predictable outcomes, improve supply chain performance and build team credibility with senior management and other departments.

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<b>Study Methods and Guides</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Self-study</li> <li>▪ Online study</li> <li>▪ Classroom study options</li> <li>▪ Exam Content Manual (ECM)</li> <li>▪ CPIM Learning System Courseware materials</li> <li>▪ Online content and quizzes</li> <li>▪ APICS Dictionary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Self-study</li> <li>▪ Online study</li> <li>▪ Classroom study options</li> <li>▪ Exam Content Manual (ECM)</li> <li>▪ CSCP Learning System Courseware materials</li> <li>▪ Online content and quizzes</li> <li>▪ APICS Dictionary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Self-study</li> <li>▪ Online study</li> <li>▪ Classroom study options</li> <li>▪ Exam Content Manual (ECM)</li> <li>▪ CLTD Learning System Courseware materials</li> <li>▪ Online content and quizzes</li> <li>▪ APICS Dictionary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ SCOR Digital Standard (DS)</li> <li>▪ SCOR-P APP</li> <li>▪ SCOR-P courseware</li> </ul>
<b>Exam Type</b>	<p>Part 1: Computer-based multiple choice and technology enhanced items (TEIs)</p> <p>Part 2: Computer-based multiple choice</p>	Computer-based multiple choice.	Computer-based multiple choice.	Computer-based multiple choice.
<b>Exams</b>	<p>Must pass two exams within three years to become certified.</p> <p>Both exams are 150 questions. 130 operational and 20 pretest* questions.</p>	<p>Must pass one exam to become certified. 150 questions. 130 operational and 20 pretest* questions.</p>	<p>Must pass one exam to become certified. 150 questions. 130 operational and 20 pretest* questions.</p>	<p>Must pass one exam to become endorsed. 60 multiple questions.</p>
<b>Exam Length</b>	3.5 hours per exam	3.5 hours	3.5 hours	2 hours
<b>Exam Content</b>	<p>Exam content is developed according to the test outline included in the CPIM Exam Content Manual and validated by global subject matter experts. Exam questions are monitored through rigorous psychometric calibration and cross-referenced to industry-approved source material. A job task analysis (JTA) study is conducted every 3 – 5 years to ensure content relevancy.</p>	<p>Exam content is developed according to the test outline included in the CSCP Exam Content Manual and validated by global subject matter experts. Exam questions are monitored through rigorous psychometric calibration and cross-referenced to industry-approved source material. A job task analysis (JTA) study is conducted every 3 – 5 years to ensure content relevancy.</p>	<p>Exam content is developed according to the test outline included in the CLTD Exam Content Manual and validated by global subject matter experts. Exam questions are monitored through rigorous psychometric calibration and cross-referenced to industry-approved source material. A job task analysis (JTA) study is conducted every 3 – 5 years to ensure content relevancy.</p>	<p><b>SCOR Model (40% of exam) covers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Key Concepts</li> <li>▪ Processes</li> <li>▪ Performance</li> <li>▪ Best Practices</li> <li>▪ Skills</li> </ul> <p><b>SCOR Project (60% of exam) covers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Key Concepts</li> <li>▪ Pre-SCOR</li> <li>▪ Scope configure</li> <li>▪ Optimize</li> <li>▪ Ready</li> </ul>
<b>Exam Scoring</b>	<p>ASCM uses a scaled score methodology, which is a technique for equating scores in which the degree of difficulty varies from one exam form to the next. The APICS CPIM score range is 200 to 350.</p> <p>Fail = 200-299 Pass = 300-350</p>	<p>ASCM uses a scaled score methodology, which is a technique for equating scores in which the degree of difficulty varies from one exam form to the next. The APICS CSCP score range is 200 to 350.</p> <p>Fail = 200-299 Pass = 300-350</p>	<p>ASCM uses a scaled score methodology, which is a technique for equating scores in which the degree of difficulty varies from one exam form to the next. The APICS CLTD score range is 200 to 350.</p> <p>Fail = 200-299 Pass = 300-350</p>	<p>ASCM uses a percentage-correct scoring, giving the applicant a percentage based on the number of questions answered correctly. Each applicant must successfully answer 75% or higher to obtain a passing score on the exam and to receive the SCOR-P endorsement designation.</p>

\*Pretest questions do not contribute to the total score but are necessary for research purposes. The pre-test questions are randomly distributed among the scored items and are used for statistical purposes only. Candidates should answer all exam questions.