

### Supply Chain Management

#### **Operations research analysis:**

- Business strategy
- Facilities layout
- Inventory control
- Personnel scheduling

#### **Production management:**

- Line supervision
- Manufacturing management
- Production planning
- Quality assurance

#### **Materials management:**

- Purchasing/buying
- Traffic management
- Inventory management

# Supply Chain Management Employers

### Manufacturers

Industrial organizations

Service organizations

## Supply Chain Management Strategies

Develop strong analytical skills and a logical approach to problem solving. Skills in budgeting and cost management are also important.

Take courses in logistics, statistics, or computer systems. This is a more technical side of management.

Learn to manage multiple situations and problems.

Be able to communicate effectively with different types of people in various functional areas.

Earn an MBA to reach the highest levels of operations management.

### General Management Information

Management is a broad business degree that can lead to many career opportunities. Students should clearly define their career goals and gain the skills and experiences needed through internships, part-time jobs, or summer positions.

Get involved in student organizations and seek leadership roles.

Learn to work well on a team and to interact effectively with a wide variety of people.

Strong communication skills, including public speaking, are important to achieving success in this field.

Conduct informational interviews with professionals in jobs of interest to learn about their work environments.

Join related professional organizations and pursue certifications in your area of interest.

Develop and utilize a personal network of contacts. Once in a position, find an experienced mentor.

Look for companies that hire new graduates into rotational training or corporate leadership development programs to gain exposure to multiple functional areas.

A willingness to relocate often opens more entry-level opportunities.

Consider earning an MBA after gaining work experience to reach the highest levels of business management.