

Professional Certification Program Opportunities

Functional Area	Certification Program	Certification Program Description	Program Web Link	Prerequisites/Requirements	Costs	Available Scholarships/Reimbursements
Supply Chain Mgmt	Supply Chain Professional (CSCP)	Provides a broad overview of the supply chain; views the relations between the areas of planning, sourcing, manufacturing and delivering and how the overall supply chain integrates.	http://www.apics.org/credentials-education/credentials/cscp	Eligibility requirements for CSCP: 3 years of related business experience or Bachelor's degree or the international equivalent, or CPIM, CLTD or CSCP: CTL, CFPIM, CIRM, SCOR-P, C.P.M., CSM or CPSM designations	CSCP Learning System Pricing: PLUS Member: \$995 CORE or nonmember: \$1,380	VA pays the test costs, or up to \$2,000 for each test. Fees connected with obtaining a license or certification are not reimbursable. Payment is issued after you submit proof of payment to VA. The VA.gov site provides the detailed information on how to apply for up to \$2,000 reimbursement.
Supply Chain Mgmt	Certificate in Production and Inventory Management (CPIM)	It is an ideal certification for a Career in Inventory Management. It focuses on production planning and scheduling and inventory management.	http://www.apics.org/credentials-education/credentials/cscp	Candidates must pass two exams within 3 years to earn the CPIM certification, and are required to maintain the CPIM designation every five years.	The CPIM program consists of five modules with two exams, one for Part 1 and one for Part 2. Price per exam: PLUS member price: \$495 - Or purchase the CPIM Bundle. CORE member/nonmember price: \$690 Retake price: \$250	VA pays the test costs, or up to \$2,000 for each test. Fees connected with obtaining a license or certification are not reimbursable. Payment is issued after you submit proof of payment to VA. The VA.gov site provides the detailed information on how to apply for up to \$2,000 reimbursement.
Supply Chain Mgmt	The Certified Professional in Supply Management (CPSM)	The Certified Professional in Supply Management® is recognized globally as a standard of excellence for professionals in procurement, supply management and supply chain management. The certification program is strongly focused on purchasing and procurement.	https://www.instituteforsupplymanagement.org/education/content.cfm?ItemNumber=30605&SSO=1	3 years full-time, professional supply management experience (nonclerical, nonsupport) with a regionally accredited bachelor's degree OR 5 years of supply management experience (nonclerical, nonsupport) without a degree. Pass 3 CPSM® Exams.	The average cost for Institute for Supply Management (ISM) ISM members ranges from \$1,200 - \$1,800 USD. The average cost for nonmembers ranges from \$2,000 - \$2,400. ISM membership is not required to become a CPSM®, however significant savings, along with a host of member benefits are enjoyed by ISM members.	VA pays the test costs, or up to \$2,000 for each test. Fees connected with obtaining a license or certification are not reimbursable. Payment is issued after you submit proof of payment to VA. The VA.gov site provides the detailed information on how to apply for up to \$2,000 reimbursement.
Financial Mgmt	Financial Management Certifications	Looking for a career in the Financial Services Industry, here is a very attractive scholarship program for transitioning military members (and/or their spouses). This is a unique and very favorable distance-learning program offered by The American College of Financial Services for those who qualify to enroll in one of the professional designations or masters degrees offered by the College.	https://veterans.theamericancollege.edu/	The streamlined application process requires submittal of the following: --Copy of DD214/separation papers (if formally discharged from military), or an LES (if still on active duty) --The email addresses of three (3) individuals who can serve as references for you --Transcripts representing the highest level of education (Note: Official transcripts are only required for graduate school scholarship applications.) --Supporting financial documentation demonstrating financial need for scholarship (i.e. tax returns, W-2 form, or statement of earnings from employers) After your application has been received, you will be contacted to schedule a phone interview. You will have a decision within 48 hours following the interview.		Full scholarships are offered by The American College Penn Mutual Center for Veterans Affairs affords a unique opportunity for active duty, veterans, and their spouses seeking a new direction through flexible distance learning and training.
Contracting	Certified Professional Contract Manager	Contract professionals who have mastered the majority of the contract management competencies in the Contract Management Body of Knowledge (CMBOK), extensive business education and training, and a minimum of 5 years of experience can apply for the CPCM certification.	https://www.ncmahq.org/learn-and-advance/c	Eligibility Requirements: --A degree from a regionally accredited institution at the bachelor's level. --Degrees from outside the United States must be evaluated by an independent third party, such as World Education Services, Scholaro, Credit Eval, Info Check USA, or SpanTran. --Five years of work experience in the contract management or related field. --A minimum of 120 hours of continuing professional education (see our Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Guide for details)--	NCMA application fee: \$210 Member Benefit Fee / \$410 Regular Fee. Exam provider fee: \$125 per exam for United States and Canada. International test takers must pay \$150 per exam. Reschedule requests made within 72 hours of an exam will result in a \$100 (domestic) and \$130 (international) fee.	VA pays the test costs, or up to \$2,000 for each test. Fees connected with obtaining a license or certification are not reimbursable. Payment is issued after you submit proof of payment to VA. The VA.gov site provides the detailed information on how to apply for up to \$2,000 reimbursement.
Food Service	Foodservice Management Professional (FMP) certification	The FMP certification denotes outstanding personal achievement and communicates knowledge, leadership and professionalism to restaurant and foodservice employers.	https://managefirst.restaurant.org/fmp/	Requirements for FMP eligibility. To be eligible for the FMP credential, candidates must meet both of the following prerequisites before beginning the application process: 1. 1. Minimum Work Experience o Candidates must have three (3) years supervisory experience in a restaurant or foodservice operation or o If candidates hold an associate degree or higher in business or hospitality, only two (2) years supervisory experience are required. 2. 2. Specialized Training o Candidates must have earned a Food Protection Manager Certification within a five (5) year period prior to applying. o The Exam must meet the intent and scope of the Food Protection Manager Certification Program standards and criteria as established through the Conference for Food Protection (e.g. ServSafe® Food Protection Manager Certification Exam).	Application Fee: \$150 FMP Certification On Line Course & Exam: \$152	VA pays the test costs, or up to \$2,000 for each test. Fees connected with obtaining a license or certification are not reimbursable. Payment is issued after you submit proof of payment to VA. The VA.gov site provides the detailed information on how to apply for up to \$2,000 reimbursement.
Transportation	Certified in Transportation and Logistics and Distribution (CLTD)	The Certified in Logistics, Transportation and Distribution (CLTD) certification demonstrates in-depth knowledge of a broad range of topics to set you apart from your peers — proving your high level of knowledge and skills. Certification designed with you in mind. Professionals across all industries benefit from earning the CLTD credential, is it right for you? The program is designed for: Logistics managers/engineers; Supply chain logistics managers; Traffic managers; Transportation/fleet managers; Warehouse operations/distribution managers; and Reverse logistics managers	https://www.apics.org/credentials-education/credentials/cltd	Eligibility requirements for CLTD: - 3 years of related business experience or - Bachelor's degree or the international equivalent*, or - CPIM, CLTD or CSCP, CTL, CFPIM, CIRM, SCOR-P, C.P.M., CSM or CPSM designations	CLTD Learning System Pricing: PLUS Member: \$895 CORE or nonmember: \$1,245	VA pays the test costs, or up to \$2,000 for each test. Fees connected with obtaining a license or certification are not reimbursable. Payment is issued after you submit proof of payment to VA. The VA.gov site provides the detailed information on how to apply for up to \$2,000 reimbursement.

<p>Petroleum Mgmt & Fuels Service</p>	<p>Petroleum Certification Program (National Petroleum Management Association (NPMA))</p>	<p>NPMA is dedicated to providing professional status for qualified Fuel Handlers. Fuel Handler is the generic name of the person anywhere in the fuel supply chain, from "wellhead to wingtip". They encompass operators, maintainers, accountants, programmers, managers, supervisors, controllers, transporters, mechanics, storage attendants, and quality control technicians (to name a few) are all Fuel Handlers.</p>	<p>http://npmcertification.org/</p>	<p>After enrollment, if you are new to the petroleum industry you will most likely begin your certification journey looking for level 1 certification. There are three requirements to gain level 1 certification.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You must pass the certification test. 2. You must have at least 6 months experience. 3. You must be fully qualified in your current job (as verified by your supervisor) 	<p>The cost for the certification test is \$495 dollars. That includes: Proctored initial certification test (free study materials available) Records review from an educational review board</p>	<p>VA pays the test costs, or up to \$2,000 for each test. Fees connected with obtaining a license or certification are not reimbursable. Payment is issued after you submit proof of payment to VA. The VA.gov site provides the detailed information on how to apply for up to \$2,000 reimbursement.</p>
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