

CERTIFICATION ROAD MAP

Earning the APICS Certified in Planning and Inventory Management (CPIM) designation shows comprehension of your organization's operations through a deep understanding of materials management, master scheduling, forecasting, planning and how it applies across the extended supply chain. This road map is a step-by-step guide on how to become a CPIM.

STEPS

Decide if CPIM is right for you

By earning the APICS CPIM, you become a recognized expert in operations and a valuable asset for your organization. Commit yourself to a higher level of knowledge and skill, boost your career prospects and help any organization stay competitive in today's economy. Wherever your career takes you, your CPIM certification defines you as an operations expert and leader.

Module 1: Supply Chains and Strategy Module 2: Sales and Operations Planning Module 3: Demand Module 4: Supply Module 5: Detailed Schedules Module 6: Inventory Module 7: Distribution Module 8: Quality, Technology and Continuous Improvement

Choose your learning option

All certification prep starts with the APICS Learning System. We offer different study options to help you find the right study method for your schedule and learning style. Choose between self-study, instructor-led, or instructor-supported. Customized group training options are also available.

Self-study

Allows you to study on your own when and where your schedule allows by combining printed books with the online interactive platform. Self-study is ideal for self-starters and those with variable schedules.

Instructor-led

Classes are offered in-person and online by ASCM partners worldwide. Instructor-led classes allow you to learn from an APICS-recognized instructor and benefit from valuable peer discussion.

Instructor-supported

Online classes are ideal for those who want instructor support but can't attend classes at a set time. You will have an instructor, but there is no required meeting time, so you can complete the assignments on your own schedule.



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Corporate Group Training

Training programs are built to suit your organization's specific learning styles, schedules, group sizes and locations.

Prepare for the exam

The APICS Learning System is a combination of print and interactive digital materials including quizzes, flashcards and downloadable content. It dynamically serves up the content and tools you need to fill your unique gaps and create efficiency in your studying. The Assess, Study and Practice components are designed to help you retain the information.

Assess:

Measure your knowledge with the online assessment.

Study:

Study the learning system modules, flashcards and practice quizzes.

Practice:

Build exam day confidence with a CPIM practice test.

Studying with the APICS Learning System increases your preparedness and chances of passing the APICS Exam.

Schedule and pass your exam

On average, we recommend 100 hours of study time to pass the exam, but you may need more or less time depending on your experience. Candidates who test within three months of their studies are more likely to pass their exam, so purchase and schedule your exam accordingly.

The exam consists of 150 questions, and you will have 3.5 hours to complete. The CPIM score range is 200 to 350. Scores 300 points and above are considered passing, and any score 299 points or below is a failing score.

APICS exams are administered via computer-based testing (CBT) at Pearson VUE test centers worldwide and online through the OnVue system.

Display your new credential with pride!

Use your certification credential letters at the end of your name on your resume, LinkedIn profile and business cards.

Ready to get started?

Purchase the CPIM Learning System today or streamline your certification preparation with the discounted learning system + exam bundle. Become a member and add-on the certification upgrade to save on your purchase.

Visit ascm.org/cpim to get started!

CPIM pricing

Learning System: \$1,690 Members with Certification Upgrade — \$1,215

Exam: \$1,690 Members with Certification Upgrade — \$1,215

Bundle: \$3,050 Members — \$2,190

(Includes CPIM learning system, exam and 2nd Chance Exam)*

*Exam credits must be used within 6 months of bundle purchase date to obtain an Authorization to Test (ATT). The ATT is valid for an additional 6 months to schedule and take the exam.