

APICS CPIM

Since 1973, the APICS **CPIM** (Certified in Production and Inventory Management) program has educated more than 80,000 manufacturing professionals on essential terminology, concepts, and strategies. The CPIM Curriculum for all five modules is *continuously updated and improved* with committees of subject matter experts assigned to manage each module: Basics of Supply Chain Management, Master Planning of Resources, Detailed Scheduling and Planning, Execution and Control of Operations, and Strategic Management of Resources.

Benefits of CPIM

A CPIM education helps people to:

- Improve the organization's supply chain from the supplier to the customer
- Increase their functional knowledge of production and inventory management internally and externally across the entire Supply Chain
- Bring routine to Operations through more accurate forecasting
- Successfully predict outcomes by managing with accurate due dates
- Maximize customer satisfaction by timely delivery of the right product and services at the right time, with the right quality, at the right price
- Introduce speed and quality into all areas of the business
- Increase profitability and customer service by optimizing the organization's inventory investments and Operations resources
- Enhance their credibility among peers, employers, and customers

Who should earn the CPIM designation?

A CPIM education is essential for professionals involved in:

- Operations
- Supply chain management
- Production and inventory management
- Procurement
- Materials management
- Sales and Operations Forecasting & Planning
- ERP Systems development, implementation and operation

ERP Systems Implementation

Systems Implementation is a unique and demanding activity. APICS Certified individuals can be invaluable as ERP Implementation Team Members and Project Leads. ERP systems (and bolt-ons) are typically designed and documented using standard terminology and textbook concepts. To *fit* the new system into your business, Operations people are necessary; among other things they must act as *interpreters*. The IT folks, and Implementation Consultants do it by the book. Someone will be installing the features, setting the switches, writing the validation and training scripts. If your Operations associates don't do it, someone else will. If you're in charge you should be asking:

“Is everyone involved in this project APICS certified?”