Diploma in Supply Chain and Operations Management

Why should I choose this program in Supply Chain and Operations Management at McGill University’s School of Continuing Studies?

The Diploma in Supply Chain and Operations Management program prepares students to handle the operational tasks associated with supplying and delivering goods and services to customers. This program is designed for those who have a bachelor's degree. Upon completing the program, the students will acquire an in-depth understanding of global operations and an ability to implement up to date technologies to help their companies adapt to ever demanding global, environmental and operational challenges, thus allowing them to aim at higher level management positions.

The program offers subtle tools of analysis for acquiring an in-depth understanding of supply chain operations while offering opportunities of specialization in areas such as quality management, lean manufacturing, service operations and project management. The courses in quality management provide a comprehensive coverage of the Body of Knowledge of the Lean Six-Sigma Green Belt. The course in project management can lead to a certification in project management provided that the requirements of Project Management Institute are satisfied.

The supply chain domain offers interesting, diverse work opportunities in several areas, such as:

- production management
- logistics management
- warehousing
- transportation
- inventory / material control
- purchasing and sales management

Employers range from manufacturers and retailers to transportation companies, third-party logistics firms, government agencies and consulting companies.

Chartered Manager (C.Mgr.) designation

Upon completing the graduate level Diploma in Supply Chain and Operations Management, graduates will be eligible to become a member of CIM | Chartered Managers Canada and obtain the C.Mgr. designation provided that he or she has at least 48 months of professional level management experience and successfully completes the following 3 additional courses from the McGill School of Continuing Studies:

(1) CACC 520 Accounting for Management
(2) CEC2 532 Business Economics
(3) CORG 551 Behaviour in Organizations
Supply Chain Management Professional (SCMP) designation

The Supply Chain Management Professional (SCMP) designation from Supply Chain Canada (www.supplychaincanada.com) is one of the most sought-after professional designation for those entering the supply chain profession and advancing as leaders in supply chain.

Supply Chain Canada provides an efficient path for graduates of the “Diploma in Supply Chain and Operations Management” program, who achieve a grade of 70% or higher completed within the last five (5) years, to advanced standing towards the following SCMP academic program components:

• Module 1 – Supply Chain Management
• Module 4 – Operations and Process Management
• Module 5 – Knowledge Management
• Module 7 – Supply Chain Management for the Public Sector
• Module 8 – Supply Chain Management Services, Capital Goods and Major Projects
• Workshop 3 – Communications and Relational Skills
• Workshop 5 – Risk Management

To earn the SCMP designation, these candidates must meet the prescribed entry requirements and successfully complete the following academic program requirements:

• Module 2 – Procurement and Supply Management
• Module 3 – Logistics and Transportation
• Module 6 – Global Sourcing
• Workshop 1 – Leadership and Professionalism
• Workshop 2 – Negotiation Skills
• Workshop 4 – Competitive Bidding, Contract Preparation and Contract Management
• Workshop 6 – Ethical Behaviour and Social Responsibility

In addition to the academic requirements, candidates must also successfully complete SCMP Leadership Residency and the Final Examination. All SCMP candidates must also satisfy the three (3)-year work experience requirements (e.g. employment, internships and co-op placements).

Upon acceptance into the designation program, candidates can immediately begin using the post-nominal SCMP(candidate) to demonstrate their commitment to continuous professional development and the delivery of supply chain excellence.
The Program

The Diploma in Supply Chain and Operations Management is a 30-credit program which consists of one co-requisite course and ten required courses*.

Note: Co-requisite course is not included in the total credit requirements for the program.

CMSC 000 is an external pre-requisite to the program. CMSC 000 is a pre-requisite to CMS2 500 and must be completed (with a minimum grade of 65) before CMS2 500 can be taken. Students may apply for Advanced standing at the time of admission or they may take an Exemption by Examination Test¹.

All courses are 3 credits unless otherwise stated.

The diploma’s program requirements are:

Co-requisite:
CMSC 500 Mathematics for Management
(or the Exemption by Examination Test¹)

10 Required courses: (30 Credits)
CGM2 510 Project Management: Tools and Techniques
CMS2 505 Quantitative Analysis Tools in Decision Making
CMS2 515 Operations Management
CMS2 524 Management of Service Operations
CMS2 525 Supply Chain Management
CMS2 527 Business Intelligence and Analytics
CMS2 531 Re-engineering and Integration of Business Systems
CMS2 532 Lean Operations Systems
CMS2 540 Six-Sigma Quality Management
CMS2 550 Supply Chain Field Project

* Classes in this program are delivered in a variety of formats. This may include in-class, off-campus and online components. Class schedules and attendance requirements may vary from one course to another. Courses can be taken in the Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer sessions. Not all courses are offered every semester.

Please Note: If you are an international student applying for either Winter or Summer admission, you will need to take additional courses in order to maintain full-time status. This does not apply for Fall admission.

¹ For more information on how to obtain course exemption by the means of a challenge exam, please consult the Exemption by Examination form available on our website at: http://www.mcgill.ca/continuingstudies/current-students/student-services-and-resources/forms
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- **Corequisite to program:**
  - CMS2 500 Mathematics for Management

- Required Course:
  - CMS2 505 Quantitative Analysis Tools in Decision
  - CMS2 515 Operations Management
  - CMS2 527 Business Intelligence and Analytics
  - CMS2 532 Lean Operations Systems
  - CMS2 524 Management of Service Operations
  - CMS2 540 Six-Sigma Quality Management
  - CMS2 525 Supply Chain Management
  - CMS2 531 Re-engineering and Integration of Business Systems
  - CMS2 550 Supply Chain Field Project

**NOTE:**
- Required Course
  - Pre-requisite →
  - Co-requisite —

*Please refer to course description for additional course pre-requisite(s).*

To obtain information on course offerings, please refer to the interactive timetable at:
[https://cce.mcgill.ca/timetable/cpd/ProgramDetails/81](https://cce.mcgill.ca/timetable/cpd/ProgramDetails/81)
Course Descriptions

CMG2 510 Project Management: Tools and Techniques (3 credits)
Pre-requisites: None
Focus on main concepts and theories of project management from initiation to close-out. Topics include: project life cycle, planning, scheduling, implementing, monitoring, controlling, close-out and ethics. The concepts presented apply to projects of various sizes, types and degrees of complexity.

CMSC 000 Foundations for Mathematics (3 credits)
Pre-requisites: None
First-degree equations and applied word problems, polynomials, factoring, fractions, exponents, roots and radicals, inequalities, quadratic equations and functions, composite and inverse functions, arithmetic and geometric sequences and series.
Please note that the minimum grade of 65 is required to successfully complete this course. Any grade below 65 is considered to be a failure.

CMS2 500 Mathematics for Management (3 credits)
Pre-requisite: CMSC 000 or the Exemption by Examination Test
Basic mathematics needed for business applications, including graphs, series summation, mathematics of finance, annuity, discounted cash flow, internal rate of return, permutations, combinations, maxima and minima functions with business applications in optimization, introductory statistics and probability.

CMS2 505 Quantitative Analysis Tools in Decision Making (3 credits)
Co-requisite: CMS2 500
This course provides applications-oriented operations research modeling tools, such as: linear programming, integer programming, network modeling, and queuing theory. Use of spreadsheet/modeling software is an integral part of this course.

CMS2 515 Operations Management (3 credits)
Co-requisites: CMS2 500
Introduction to decisions and trade-offs associated with production of goods and services. Topics include technology planning (production process), design of production systems (capacity and location planning), control issues (production planning and inventory control, MRP/JIT, scheduling, quality and reliability and distribution planning), design for manufacturability, management of new technology (FMS, group technology and robotics) and management of services operations.

CMS2 524 Management of Service Operations (3 credits)
Prerequisite: CMS2 515
The course takes an operations point of view to look at companies and industries in the services sector. It builds on conceptual frameworks and cases from a wide range of service operations, selected from health care, hospitality, internet services, transportation, retailing, financial services, humanitarian services, government services, and others.

CMS2 525 Supply Chain Management (3 credits)
Prerequisites: CMS2 505 and CMS2 515
This is an applications-oriented course in supply chain strategy and macro-processes of supply chain management such as supplier relations management, customer relations management, logistics and distribution. Use of operations research models and computer software will be an integral part of this course.

CMS2 527 Business Intelligence and Analytics (3 credits)
Prerequisite: CMS2 500
This course provides a managerial and technical focus on computational and business techniques which can help to identify new business opportunities and transform an organization’s future by optimizing operational and strategic decision making.

**CMS2 531 Re-Engineering and Integration of Business Systems** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: CMS2 525

Information systems used in supply chains are presented in the context of enterprise resource planning (ERP) systems with applications in manufacturing, retailing and distribution services sectors. Core business processes and transactions pertaining to supply chain management are identified and discussed in terms of relevant ERP modules.

**CMS2 532 Lean Operations Systems** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: None

The course focuses on the objectives and ways of the Lean Operations System and provides descriptions of the customer-oriented lean techniques, such as, just-in-time, total quality management, problem solving, materials management and load leveling. Lean management patterns like the Deming’s Plan Do Check Act wheel are highlighted.

**CMS2 540 Six-Sigma Quality Management** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: CMS2 500 and CMS2 532

The course includes a coherent and integrated description of the Six-Sigma methodology, from the problem definition phase to the control phase that demonstrates the stability of the solution. In addition, the course clarifies the relation of Six-Sigma to LEAN and summarizes the patterns to deploy Six Sigma in an organization.

**CMS2 550 Supply Chain Field Project** (3 credits)

Prerequisites: CMS2 524 and CMS2 540

Co-requisite: CMS2 531

This course is built around a team project involving modeling, use of lean/six sigma techniques and/or use of information systems to optimize processes across the entire enterprise/supply chain. The project could be in services (health care, banking/insurance, etc.), logistics (distribution, retailing, 3PL), or manufacturing (sourcing, production/operations planning, inventory deployment, etc).
Admission Requirements

1. Bachelor’s degree (or equivalent) as approved by the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Office, and have a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.0/4.0 or a CGPA of 3.2/4.0 for the last two full-time academic years.

2. If your CGPA is lower than the above requirement, please submit the following for consideration with your application, official transcript.
   a. **Letter of Intent**: A letter, 1 to 2 pages in length single-spaced, written in English or French, which addresses the following:
      ▪ basis for interest in the program;
      ▪ your knowledge that would be pertinent to the program;
      ▪ your interest in the field of study and the reasons for applying to our program
      ▪ plans for integrating the training into your current or future career;
      ▪ a description of your professional experience and its relevance, if applicable, to the program
      ▪ awards received or other contributions;
      ▪ any additional information relevant to your application.
   b. **Curriculum Vitae**
   c. **Two Letters of Reference**: At least one should be from a current or former employer.
   d. **GMAT and/or GRE Test Score Results (optional)**: Submit a copy of the official test score results.
Admissions Procedures

STEP 1: PREPARE

1. Choose the program (certificate, diploma, graduate certificate or graduate diploma) you would like to apply to.
2. Verify the Application Deadlines to ensure that you submit your application in time.
3. Ensure you have a valid email address and credit card on hand to pay for the application fee (Visa, Master Card or America Express).
4. From the list of programs, click on the program you would like to apply to.
5. Review the admission requirements for the program to ensure you meet the criteria.
6. Ensure you have all necessary documentations required for your application as indicated in the “Documents Required” section.

STEP 2: APPLY

1. Click “Apply Now” at the top of the program page or go to https://mcgill.ca/x/4Um and click “Apply Now”.
2. If you have a Login ID and PIN, enter them now, or if not, create one and log in.
3. Click on “Begin New”.
4. Enter the information requested and click “Continue”.
5. When asked, “What are you applying for at McGill?”, click on “Continuing Studies”.
6. On the next page, select the program you would like to apply to.
7. Complete the rest of the application with all required information and submit.
8. You will receive a confirmation email providing you with a McGill ID number and a PIN. Within 24-48 hours, you will be able to log in to Minerva (www.mcgill.ca/minerva).

STEP 3: UPLOAD SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Once you have access to Minerva, upload your supporting documentation as per the admission requirements of your chosen program.

- Uploading your documents will speed up your application process and is strongly recommended.
- For instructions on how to proceed, please go to: https://mcgill.ca/continuingstudies/legal-documents.
  (If you are unable to upload the documents, you can send them by regular mail or bring them in person to our Client Services office at the address below).
- Sending official transcripts: All transcripts received via the upload process are considered unofficial. If transcripts are required for your application, you will also need to have any official transcripts sent directly to McGill University by mail, in a sealed envelope by the educational institution(s) where you studied.

STEP 4: VERIFY ADMISSION STATUS

Once a decision has been made, admitted students will receive a “Letter of Admission” along with registration instructions.

Difficulty Applying Online?

If you have any problems with your online application, or if you have questions regarding admission requirement and procedures, contact Client Services (https://www.mcgill.ca/continuingstudies/client-services).
Helpful Tips for Applying

What is an Official Transcript?
If you have studied at an institution:
- In Canada or the United States – you will need to request a copy of your official transcripts (your marks) from that institution which the institution will mail to the address below in a sealed envelope with the official institution’s logo.
- Outside of Canada or the United States, - you will need to request a copy of your official transcripts (your marks) from that institution which the institution will mail to the address below in a sealed envelope with the official institution’s logo.
- Note: In cases where the language of instruction at the institution is not English or French, you must also send an official translation of the official transcript certified by a representative from the Ordre des traducteurs, terminologues et interprètes agréés du Québec (OTTIAQ - http://ottiaq.org/).
- You need to request official transcripts as soon as possible once your application has been submitted to the School of Continuing Studies. Your Educational Institution must then mail these directly to the appropriate office below:

Client Services c/o Admissions
McGill University – School of Continuing Studies
688 Sherbrooke Street West, Room 1125
Montreal, QC H3A 3R1
Canada

• Important: You must make sure you apply by the application deadline. However, if you have any outstanding supporting documents at the time of your application, you may upload them as they become available or forward them directly to the School of Continuing Studies as soon as possible. Your admission application will only be completed once the University has received all of the required documents.

• Note: All required documents received by McGill University’s School of Continuing Studies become the property of the university. Official documents and/or transcripts will not be returned to the applicant.

• Note: Transcripts received by McGill University’s School of Continuing Studies cannot be transferred to any other department or program as it would constitute submitting a new application. Therefore, you must submit a new sealed envelope of your official transcripts for each application made to McGill University’s School of Continuing Studies.
Language Requirements

- The **language of instruction** for most courses and programs at McGill University is English; however, students may submit any written work that is to be graded in English or French, except in cases where knowledge of the language is one of the objectives of the course.

- Applicants must demonstrate an adequate level of **proficiency in English prior to admission**, regardless of citizenship status or country of origin. McGill University has this language requirement in place to ensure that all students are provided with the opportunity to succeed in their chosen program.

- In all cases, the University reserves the right to require **proof of English** proficiency if it is deemed necessary. For additional information, please click on the link below.

  https://www.mcgill.ca/continuingstudies/language-policy

Exemption by Examination

Students admitted to a Certificate, Diploma, Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma program requiring a pre-requisite or co-requisite course, must provide proof that they have taken and successfully passed an equivalent 3-credit course, with the requisite grade as per McGill University’s requirements, at the appropriate level at another approved institution or have successfully completed the Exemption by Examination test.

- The Exemption by Examination test is **not applicable to required or complementary course(s)** within a program.

- You cannot take the Exemption by Examination test if you have already attempted the course (a grade of W is considered as have attempted the course).

- If you are unsuccessful in the Exemption by Examination test(s) you will not be permitted to repeat the test(s) and must instead enroll in the course(s) for which the particular test(s) was taken.

**To be eligible to write the Exemption by Examination test, you must have applied to or been admitted into a program.** (The test is optional).

For more information visit: https://www.mcgill.ca/continuingstudies/recognition-prior-learning
Student Awards and Financial Aid

McGill University’s School of Continuing Studies Bursaries
The School of Continuing Studies will post the application form and eligibility requirements for the active term on its website. Please refer to link below for further information.


McGill University’s School of Continuing Studies Scholarships
For a list of McGill University Scholarships, please consult McGill University’s School of Continuing Studies website by clicking on the link below.


McGill University’s School of Continuing Studies Graduating Prizes
For a list of McGill SCS Graduating Prizes, please consult McGill University’s School of Continuing Studies website by clicking on the link below.

https://www.mcgill.ca/continuingstudies/graduating-students

Aide financière aux études (AFE)
As a credit-bearing program, this program is eligible for financial aid through the Quebec Government.

https://www.quebec.ca/education/aide-financiere-aux-etudes/

Note: The amount and number of McGill University’s School of Continuing Studies Bursaries, Scholarships, and Graduating Prizes issued varies from year to year, depending on funds received and their specifications.

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