

One career. One credential. One choice— Certified in Logistics, Transportation and Distribution, (CLTD).

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"The knowledge I gained studying for the CLTD came at a critical time and validated many of my proposed process changes and forced me to rethink others."

What does it mean for you to be one of the first to earn the CLTD?

I've held the CPIM certification since 2008, and I see the value and recognition that an APICS certification carries. When APICS began promoting the CLTD program at the APICS 2015 conference, I made the decision then to pursue the certification. I head a department of nearly 30 people from all walks of life and all age groups, and have always maintained that continuous learning and improvement not only benefits individuals, but also the organization as a whole. I wanted to set an example and perhaps encourage others within my section to pursue this certification as well.

Why did you decide to pursue the CLTD certification?

I obtained the ISM C.P.M. certification while working as a Senior Buyer for my organization. Years later when I moved to Materials Management, I obtained the APICS CPIM for its in-depth focus on inventory management practices. In 2014 I was promoted to supervise the warehouse and logistics operations and when APICS offered the CLTD it was a natural fit for my current area of focus. With these certifications, I can do my job more efficiently and strategically, and I feel I have a better understanding of the challenges across the organizations supply chain.

Have you implemented a logistics, transportation and distribution initiative because of your CLTD training?

Currently all items are received and stored by SKU in home bin locations. This causes issues with FIFO and the mixing of lots, which can cause major issues in the laboratory. In the new warehouse, we will have space to segregate each receipt and lot into a new bin every time. We also have the capability for cross-docking, something we currently cannot employ. Another initiative was coordinating truck routes to accommodate another operation moved within the warehouse facility; thus, optimizing fuel and labor, and preventing deadheading with empty trucks.

These concepts were described in detail in the CLTD learning materials.

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