



Short Learning Programme

IIE LOGISTICS AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

Distance: Short Learning Programme (SLP)

Introduction

This short learning programme (SLP) has been designed to focus on logistics and supply chain management theories, principles and practices, which will allow you to develop particular skills that address the balance of skills identified as critical for successful further studies into the broader logistics and supply chain management field. On completion on this SLP, you will have acquired adequate foundational knowledge and skills to perform entry level tasks within the logistics, supply chain and purchasing management field.

Who should attend?

This SLP is specifically designed for:

- An individual wanting to pursue a career in logistics and supply chain management and who may have the intention to further their studies in management.
- Persons wishing to update their knowledge of logistics and supply chain management practices in a changing world.

Entrance requirements

Students should meet the following requirements:

- Be proficient in English.

- Preferably have three to four years work experience.
- Must be able to prepare for Collaboration sessions with the Online Tutor and engage in self-directed study.
- Must have access to reliable internet access.

Programme Overview

The purpose of this SLP is to provide the student with a focus on logistics and supply chain management theories, principles and practices, which will allow you to develop particular skills that address the balance of skills identified as critical for successful further studies into the broader logistics and supply chain management field. On completion on this SLP, you will have acquired adequate foundational knowledge and skills in logistics, supply chain and purchasing management that will enable you to apply the principles of logistics and supply chain management, analyse the logistics product life cycle within the supply chain management environment, analyse the purchasing process used within logistics and supply chain and analyse purchasing services influencing the efficiency of the supply chain management practices.

Programme content

The SLP covers the following topics:

Introduction to Logistics and Supply Chain Management 1A: Introduction

- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the key logistics concepts.
- Reflect on the relationship between the concept of supply chain management and logistics management.
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the concepts, principles and practices of logistics and supply chain management.
- Analyse the logistics product life cycle within the supply chain management environment.
- Apply the principles of logistics and supply chain management

Introduction to Logistics and Supply Chain Management 1B: Purchasing Management

- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the importance of the purchasing function within logistics and supply chain management.
- Analyse the purchasing process used within logistics and supply chain.
- Distinguish between various types of purchases made by organisations within logistics and supply chain management environment.
- Demonstrate the ability to apply knowledge in the improvement of the procurement process
- Explain the various types of purchasing policies.
- Analyse purchasing services influencing the efficiency of the supply chain management practices.

Duration

Logistics and Supply Chain Management is offered as a distance SLP. Duration varies depending on the start date selected.

What are the benefits of distance study?

The distance delivery mode provides the student with the opportunity to study in the comfort of their home and to plan their study workload according to their individual pace. The support offered online and through other means ensures that the student is not left feeling alone in this process and can still enjoy high quality support throughout their learning journey.

Our distance delivery has been designed with distance students' needs in mind, and includes the following:

- A structured online learning environment that will take you through the learning process making use of the best of instructional design thinking that will enable you to understand and apply your knowledge as you progress through the studies. The online design will ensure that you do not get lost.
- A learner guide designed to lead the student through the textbook. It includes questions and answers for practice and revision.
- Online Tutors who are subject experts and maintain the human experience of the learning process in each module with you.
- A Programme Success Tutor who supports your learning journey across all your modules.

NOTE: If you are interested in these face-to-face support workshops, please indicate this at point of registration.

PLEASE ALSO NOTE:

While you can generally structure your study time as you need to, there are scheduled online sessions through which you can receive mediated support, assignment and examination deadlines to consider and timetables, to keep your studies moving forward.

A reliable internet connection, own device with (at least) Windows 8 and Google Chrome, are all essential for any student enrolling for this programme.

Programme Material

The SLP fee excludes all programme material, which becomes the property of the student. This material is a valuable source of ongoing reference.

Programme Structure and Evaluation

This SLP is presented via a distance mode of delivery, supported by online mediation sessions. Students will be required to complete various forms of assessments and activities, with the final assessments being written in hard copy at the site of registration.

What is The Teaching and Learning Strategy of the IIE's Varsity College, and how will it help prepare me for the 21st century working world?

At The IIE's Varsity College we are proud of and passionate about our shift away from the 'traditional lecturing' methodology to our blended-learning strategy – the VCBlend.

This blended-learning strategy extends learning beyond the confines of the classroom and

creates opportunities for our students to work collaboratively, with peers and their educators, to construct their understanding of concepts. Student engagement is supported by the use of a learning management system (LMS) and the online learning materials that have been developed to underpin our teaching strategy.

This student-focused approach compels our students to be accountable for their learning while developing the critical skills they will need to thrive in the rapidly changing 21st century work environment.

As such, academic life for our students is dynamic, challenging and relevant.

The programme content is correct at the time of print. Please note that in line with academic practice, The IIE's Short Learning Programme content is reviewed annually thus changes may occur in module structure and sequence in order to ensure that the programme remains relevant. The exit level outcomes of the programme do not change. Registered students receive an updated programme outline on an annual basis.

Where do I write my exams?

The IIE's Varsity College Exam Centres

Eight IIE Varsity College Campus exam centres are available within South Africa for selection as the exam centre at which you would write exams and receive operational support.

Please note that students studying in the distance mode may opt to attend optional contact workshops. These are only available at The IIE's Varsity College Campus Exam Centres. A Consultant will provide you with the details.

Alternative Venues

An alternative examination centre is only permissible for international students and those located in a province of South Africa where there is no IIE campus. It is your responsibility to identify an examination centre (educational or religious site or embassy or consulate) if you have not already done so. Once you have secured your examination venue, we require a letter confirming availability from the examination centre you have chosen. If a change of examination venue is required – it is again the student's responsibility to locate a new venue and provide the confirmation letter together with the supporting documentation which details the reason for the examination venue change.

Please note, once the examination venue is selected and confirmed, it cannot be changed within eight weeks prior to the summative examination.

Certification

The IIE Logistics and Supply Chain Management programme is a SLP that is certified by The Independent Institute of Education (The IIE). Students enrolled for the SLP can submit an application for academic credit upon completion, to be exempt from the equivalent module when registering for:

- The IIE HCLS122 (exemption for Logistics and Supply Chain Management 1A: Introduction and Logistics and Supply Chain Management 1B: Purchasing Management)

***Important note: Entrance requirements apply. Please speak to a consultant for more details. Content changes may occur**

All SLPs have been specifically designed for working adults. These SLPs differ from The IIE full qualifications available through Varsity College which are registered on the National Qualifications Framework. Before registration students must ensure that the programme selected best suits their individual learning and workplace objectives.

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The Independent Institute of Education (The IIE) – accredited by The British Accreditation Council (BAC)



The IIE is not only accredited in South Africa but its dedication to providing quality education also led to it being accredited by the British Accreditation Council (BAC) in 2014. The British Accreditation Council is an independent authority in the United Kingdom that accredits private providers globally, including Greece, Switzerland, Singapore, India, Mauritius and the United Arab Emirates. In 2017 The IIE had its accreditation status confirmed by the BAC as an Independent Higher Education Institution confirming our confidence in the international comparability of our standards.

“South African students need to know, when they select a private higher education institution, that the standards offered are equivalent to those of a public University. Our students get this from our extensive local accreditation and registration. The students also benefit from knowing that we meet international standards too. The IIE is accredited as an Independent Higher Education Institution by the British Accreditation Council. Locally and internationally we have demonstrated the quality of what we offer,” said Dr Coughlan, Director, The Independent Institute of Education.

The IIE’s Varsity College students can be confident that their IIE learning experience meets international best practice standards.