



Press Release

First Supply Chain Educational Programs Accredited through the CSCSC's National Accreditation Program

October 30, 2009, Mississauga, Ontario – The Canadian Supply Chain Sector Council completed a review on October 29 of the programs put forward by education providers in the inaugural round of submissions in its National Accreditation Program (the NAP). The Council is pleased to announce that seven educational offerings, as shown below, have been accredited through that program.

The NAP was established to recognize those educational offerings in supply chain-related topics that meet the Council's standards for accreditation, created with the assistance of the Canadian Standards Association and with significant input from supply chain stakeholders.

The standards are based on national and international best practices and principles, and include requirements for course/program needs assessment, design, development, delivery, and student evaluation. They do not include requirements related to the provider itself, such as its administrative-management system, governance structure, or policies and procedures. To be accredited, the course or program must meet all of the standards.

Post-secondary institutions, associations and private training schools are eligible to submit their programs and courses for review.

Five education providers completed the application process in the first round of submissions. The Council's Accreditation Review Panel met for two days to review and assess the applications, and determined that the following programs met all of the standards for accreditation. Congratulations to these education providers for the excellence of their offerings:

Business Administration – Business Operations Management	Centennial College of Applied Arts and Technology
Certificate Program in International Freight Forwarding	Canadian International Freight Forwarders Association
Advanced Certificate Program in International Freight Forwarding	Canadian International Freight Forwarders Association
Bachelor of Applied International Business & Supply Chain Management	Bissett School of Business, Mount Royal University
Strategic Supply Chain Management Leadership	Purchasing Management Association of Canada
Supply Management Training	Purchasing Management Association of Canada
Graduate Certificate - Business Process Management	Sheridan College

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It is important to note that education providers themselves are not accredited; it is specific programs or individual courses that are accredited.

With their newly accredited status, these offerings are recognized as meeting industry needs; they're differentiated from non-accredited offerings by being proven relevant and valuable. Graduates of accredited programs can expect that employers will increasingly appreciate the merit of their education as awareness of the NAP builds. Educators offering accredited courses and/or programs will benefit, too, as this recognition should boost enrolment in their supply chain-related courses and programs.

The deadline for submission of information about courses or programs for review in the next round is November 1, 2009. Subsequent deadlines are February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1, 2010. Applications are submitted electronically and are reviewed by the Council's Accreditation Review Panel.

More information about the NAP standards, fees and review process is available on the Council's website, at www.supplychaincanada.org/en/NAP.

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