

CAREERS IN LOGISTICS



If you are looking for an exciting and dynamic career path with many different options, then consider the following:



- ✓ Even in times of economic hardship, we've seen continued growth in the supply chain and logistics functions for necessary goods and services.
- ✓ With imports and exports coming from across the globe, there are increased options for a career path in logistics.
- ✓ The scope of supply chain management is so broad that many organizations don't take the same approach, which means that no two days in logistics are the same.

If any of that sounds appealing, a career in logistics would be a great fit for you!

Sample Career Paths in Logistics

ANALYST:

A Logistics or Supply Chain Analyst is the most common entry-level job title. Analysts are data gurus responsible for gathering and analyzing data for an organization's or multiple organizations' logistical processes to look for and identify problems.

Plan your path:

- Computer science and math are great educational backgrounds for this career.
- Previous experience as an Analyst is a great foundation for work as a Logistics Engineer.
- Management skills are important as you are responsible for project management of your own work as well as the work of others on your team.





PROCUREMENT MANAGER:

Procurement Managers are involved in building contractual agreements with suppliers, negotiating commercial product prices, managing supplier services, and ensuring reliability for inbound transportation of goods.

Plan your path:

- Entry-level roles are more managerial, and they are a great jumping-off point for college grads.
- As you advance, you can look for titles in regional or national Head of Procurement, Strategic Sourcing, or Purchasing.
- The titles at the top of the food chain in procurement and sourcing are Director of Procurement, Director of Purchasing, or Chief Purchasing Officer.

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGER:



If you're an expert at combining big-picture thinking with a detail-oriented mindset, a career as a Supply Chain Manager could be for you!

Supply Chain Managers oversee the entire process from purchasing, to warehousing, to inventory, to production. They seek to optimize the system in a way that reduces costs and increases overall productivity. This position involves an expertise in logistics planning to be able to forecast financial needs.

Plan your path:

- Communication and management skills are vital.
- Supply Chain Managers must quickly identify problems and disperse that information rapidly to keep the supply chain running like a well-oiled machine.

CONSULTANT:



If you enjoy the industry of logistics and supply chain management but are more of a people-person, the functional area of consulting is for you.

Consultants work with clients to devise and implement solutions to fix problems in the logistics processes of their organizations. It is also important that you enjoy change and variety and that you are interested in traveling for work, as this position involves a lot of work on the go to meet with various clients.

Plan your path:

- Project management skills are very critical to the work of Consultants
- Consultants are responsible for managing data to identify solutions for clients and for keeping the change-management process on track.