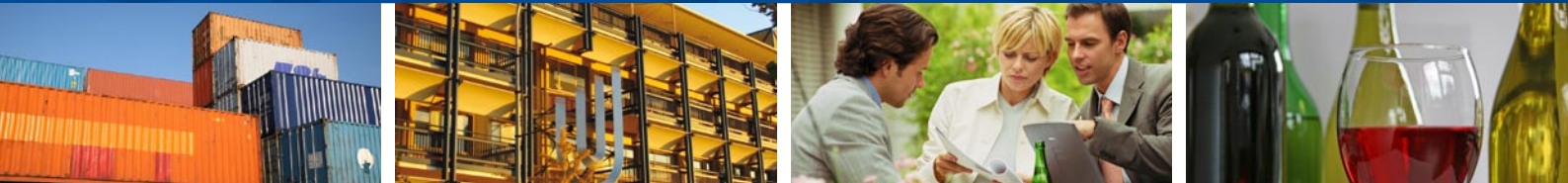




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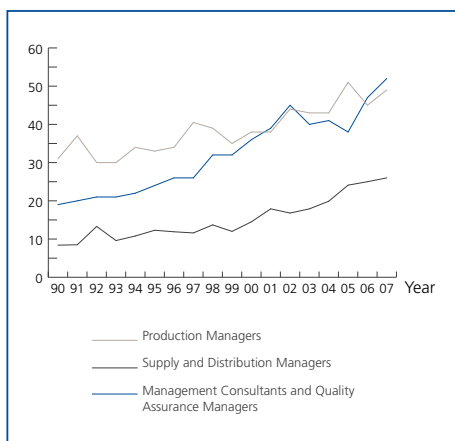
Your career in Logistics and Supply Chain Management

As a graduate of UniSA's Logistics and Supply Chain Management program you're well placed to meet a growing demand for people skilled in the management and organisation of technology and people in a range of operations areas.

The growing volume of world trade and tourism, coupled with the need for organisations to reduce inventory and downtime costs, has created a need for managers with skills in logistics and production planning. Fortunately for you, most businesses and organisations that provide goods and services have a need for effective operations management.

Employment opportunities for graduates in Logistics and Supply Chain Management have risen significantly in the last five years and the Australian Government predicts continuing strong employment over the next five years.

The employment level ('000s of people) for Supply and Distribution Managers, Management Consultants and QA Managers and Production Managers:



Employment snapshot

Management Consultants and QA Managers

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| Job prospects: | GOOD |
| Employment predictions to 2011-12: | STRONG |
| Occupation size: | LARGE (52 100) |
| Ave weekly wage: | \$1200 |
| % in FT work: | 84% |
| Vacancy levels: | HIGH |
| Vacancy reasons: | 63% Job change 27% Leaving occupation 10% New jobs |

Supply and Distribution Managers

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| Job prospects: | GOOD |
| Employment predictions to 2011-12: | STRONG |
| Occupation size: | LARGE (26 100) |
| Ave weekly wage: | \$1154 |
| % in FT work: | 96% |
| Vacancy levels: | AVERAGE |
| Vacancy reasons: | 60% Job change 30% Leaving occupation 10% New jobs |

Production Managers

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| Job prospects: | GOOD |
| Employment predictions to 2011-12: | MODERATE |
| Occupation size: | LARGE (49 900) |
| Ave weekly wage: | \$1300 |
| % in FT work: | 98% |
| Vacancy levels: | LOW |
| Vacancy reasons: | 28% Job change 58% Leaving occupation 14% New jobs |

Which Companies?

Some of the organisations that may employ Logistics and Supply Chain Management graduates include: Gerard Industries, General Motors Holden, Southcorp, Coca-Cola Amatil, IGA and Fauldings.

Which Occupations?

Generally, the occupational title for graduates who find work in logistics and supply chain management will be operations manager

or operations co-ordinator/ administrator, production manager or logistics manager, supply and distribution manager.

As a Logistics and Supply Chain Management graduate, you'll be able to apply innovative and creative management practices to complex situations. During your job search, you'll need to use this creativity to convince potential employers that you're the best candidate for the job. You'll know that it's not enough simply to possess the Graduate Qualities; you'll also need to be able to explain how you've

developed them and how you can apply them in a work environment. You may be able to use examples from previous work or life experience, but you can also refer to your program.

Which Industries?

The manufacturing sector is the largest employer of operations managers but graduates should not restrict their job seeking to this sector. Any organisation that deals with the flow of goods or services has a need for operations management and graduates can therefore find work across a range of industry sectors. The five main employers of operations managers, after the manufacturing sector, are property and business services, wholesale trade, transport and storage, Government administration and defence, and finance and insurance.

There has been a steady increase in employment growth for supply and distribution managers in the last four years, a surge in employment growth for production managers in the last year, and a decline for management consultants and quality assurance managers in the last four years.

Graduate Qualities and Employers

Employers look for graduates who have not only high academic achievements and qualifications but also the personal skills and qualities needed to do the job well. As you will know, UniSA programs are designed to develop a range of Graduate Qualities that are highly valued in the workplace.

With the Graduate Qualities you'll be able to approach employers knowing that you stand out from graduates of other institutions.

So, for example, you might want to tell potential employers that you:

Have an ability to operate with a body of knowledge

You should emphasise that your UniSA program offered the most recent discipline knowledge and emphasised general management skills such as marketing and economic principles, accounting, work and organisation, and business information systems. Further studies focused on operations, logistics, quality, planning, controlling and scheduling. Where you can, link the knowledge and skills you gained from particular courses to the employer's specific needs.

Are prepared for lifelong learning

Tell employers that your degree provided you with a broad theoretical and practical base in management. You could talk about how elective courses helped to broaden your outlook and appreciation for further study and lifelong learning. Let employers know that you understand the strategies, avenues and information required to help keep your professional skills and knowledge up to date.

Are an effective problem solver

Inform employers that one of the primary aims of the Logistics and Supply Chain program is to develop managers who have a creative approach to problem solving. You could talk about topics such as decision-making strategies in logistics and analysing financial statements and using them for decision making, which provided you with strategies you can adopt in any situation in order to effectively solve problems.

Can work autonomously and collaboratively

Make employers aware that throughout your program you were assessed on individual assignments and also on group projects and that you have the capacity to work successfully alone or in a team.

Talk about topics such as leadership and facilitation techniques for high performance

management teams, participation, consultation and entrepreneurship, and managing and understanding groups and teams, which taught you strategies for working successfully in a team. Provide some examples of occasions where you demonstrated effective teamwork.

Are committed to ethical action and social responsibility

Let employers know that underpinning all UniSA courses is a commitment to ethical business practice. As a student of the Operations Management program, there were many opportunities for you to nurture or develop a personal commitment to ethical action through topics such as ethics in accounting and key concepts of marketing as a business philosophy in the context of strategic and ethical trade and exchange.

Communicate effectively

Indicate that effective communication was an integral component of your program and was frequently part of your assessment criteria. From tutorial discussions and oral presentations to written assignments, you learned how to communicate effectively in different contexts and through different media. You also gained a theoretical understanding of communication through topics such as communication in business and functional systems for communication.

Demonstrate an international perspective

Tell employers that your program helped you develop an international perspective through courses such as International Management Ethics and Values and topics which covered areas such as ethical trade and exchange. If you are applying for a position with a multinational company, you might want to give some examples of how your global perspective would influence your work. Don't forget to mention that the many international students studying at UniSA provided the opportunity for you to share knowledge and perspectives with a range of cultures.

Note: Statistical data and occupational classifications used in this brochure have been sourced from the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations.

Further information

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