Master of Commerce in
Supply Chain Management

- **SAQA ID:** 124669
- **NQF Level:** 9 (180 Credits)
- **Study Options:** Online
- **Duration:** Full-time (18 months) | Part-time (2 years)

Career Opportunities:

- Chief Supply Chain Officer
- Logistics Director
- Operations Director
- Strategic Sourcing Executive
- Supply Chain Innovation Lead
- Supply Chain Consultant
- Research Consultant
- Policy Advisor



Overview
of the Programme

The Master of Commerce in Supply Chain Management is an IMM Graduate School qualification registered at NQF Level 9 (SAQA ID 124669) and quality assured by the Council on Higher Education (CHE) South Africa.

This research-focused postgraduate qualification develops advanced expertise in supply chain management while strengthening students' research capabilities. Students undertake independent research that addresses contemporary supply chain challenges and contributes to the advancement of knowledge within the discipline.

Research topics may include global logistics strategy, procurement innovation, sustainability, digital transformation, supply chain resilience, and other emerging issues affecting modern supply chains. Throughout the programme, students refine their analytical, critical thinking, research, and leadership skills.

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1 Career and Further Study Progression

Graduates are prepared for senior executive leadership and consulting roles within supply chain management across global industries and international markets.

Additionally, this qualification provides a rigorous academic foundation for doctoral study (PhD) and advanced research-focused careers, including positions as research consultants, policy advisors, and academic researchers.

2 Programme Structure

The Master of Commerce in Supply Chain Management is a research-focused postgraduate qualification structured around independent research and academic milestone progression.

Required Modules and Milestones

- **Induction Phase:** Development and approval of a comprehensive research proposal (a compulsory six-month pre-registration phase before formal registration).
- **Research Proposal Milestone:** During the Induction phase, students are expected to attend compulsory virtual research workshops.
- **Advanced Skills Development:** During the Induction phase students are expected to complete the asynchronous academic skills development module.
- **Dissertation Milestone:** Completion and submission of a Master's research dissertation, together with a publishable academic article.
- **Completion Timeframe for Dissertation:** Normally completed within 18 months to three years, depending on the registration type.
- **Extension Policy:** One extension of up to six months may be granted under approved circumstances.

3 Programme Exit Level Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the qualification, graduates will be able to:

- Demonstrate advanced expertise in complex national and international supply chain management.
- Design and conduct independent academic research addressing contemporary supply chain, logistics, procurement, and operations challenges.
- Critically evaluate complex organisational and industry issues and develop innovative, sustainable business strategies.
- Lead strategic operational functions and manage sophisticated organisational systems.
- Produce research that makes a meaningful contribution to the global body of knowledge in supply chain management.

4 Study Options

The IMM Graduate School delivers this qualification through a comprehensive learning environment supported by Online learning.

Students benefit from:

- A structured online learning platform supporting independent research and academic engagement.
- Live academic workshops during the pre-registration phase.
- Individual online supervision from assigned research supervisors.
- Access to the online information centre and extensive academic research resources throughout the qualification.

Students can also access the latest academic resources, including yearbooks, fee structures, academic calendars, application forms, and institutional policies.

5 Admission Criteria

Applicants must meet the following minimum admission requirements:

Academic Requirements

Applicants must hold an appropriate NQF Level 8 qualification from an accredited higher education institution with an overall average of 60% including one of the following:

- A Bachelor of Commerce Honours with Supply Chain Management and Research Methodology.
- A Bachelor of Commerce Honours in Business Management with Supply Chain and Logistics Management.
- An appropriate Postgraduate Diploma that includes a research module.
- Students who graduated with a Postgraduate Diploma without Research can enrol on a compulsory Pre-Master's admission course of six months. Upon completion, they may continue with the Master of Commerce in Supply Chain Management.
- Another appropriate equivalent qualification that includes a recognised research component.

Additional Admission Requirements

Applicants must also:

- Submit a provisional research discussion document for evaluation by the Research Committee.
- Submit a comprehensive curriculum vitae (CV).
- Submit a motivational letter.
- Successfully complete an interview with the Postgraduate Studies Committee.
- Complete any required additional modules before formal registration, depending on their academic background.

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