

CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL IN DISTRIBUTION & WAREHOUSE MANAGEMENT (CPDW) BY AMERICAN PURCHASING SOCIETY

“Master the Science of Efficient Warehousing & Distribution – Get Certified by the American Purchasing Society”

Schedule

Date	Venue	Fees (Face-to-Face)
06 – 10 Sep 2026	Kuwait	USD 3495 per delegate

► **Available delivery methods:** Face-to-Face & Online Training

Introduction

The Certified Professional in Distribution & Warehouse Management (CPDW) is a globally recognized credential developed by the American Purchasing Society for professionals seeking expertise in warehouse operations, inventory control, and distribution management.

This intensive 5-day program equips participants with the skills and best practices needed to run efficient, lean, and cost-effective distribution operations. Through practical workshops, real-world case studies, and certification-aligned modules, attendees will learn how to reduce operational costs, minimize waste, optimize space, and enhance service levels across warehouse and supply chain operations.

Objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Master the principles of warehouse layout, flow, and inventory accuracy
- Apply lean practices to reduce waste and maximize productivity
- Design and implement efficient picking, packing, and dispatch systems
- Use KPIs and warehouse metrics to track performance
- Ensure safety, compliance, and sustainability in distribution centers
- Prepare for and successfully pass the CPDW Certification exam

Why Attend

- Achieve a professional certification by the American Purchasing Society
- Gain globally recognized expertise in warehouse and distribution management
- Learn real-world tools and techniques for layout design, stock control, and cost reduction
- Receive certification preparation materials and testing guidelines
- Strengthen your career in logistics, supply chain, and operations

Target Audience

This program is ideal for:

- Warehouse Supervisors and Managers
- Distribution Center Professionals
- Logistics and Inventory Officers
- Supply Chain & Procurement Specialists
- Operations and Fulfillment Managers
- Anyone preparing for CPDW certification

Individual Benefits

Key competencies developed:

- Advanced knowledge of warehouse systems and best practices
- Confidence in handling large-scale inventory and space optimization
- Expertise in reducing errors, delays, and inefficiencies
- Certification credentials to boost your professional standing

Organizational Benefits

Organizations will benefit from:

- Streamlined warehouse operations and inventory accuracy
- Reduced overhead and operational costs
- Higher fulfillment speed and customer satisfaction
- Certified professionals with standardized knowledge and global practices

Instructional Methodology

The training adopts a certification-focused blended methodology:

- Strategy Briefings - Core principles aligned with APS certification criteria
- Case Studies - Distribution and warehousing excellence in global companies
- Workshops - Hands-on exercises in layout planning, process flow, and stock control
- Peer Exchange - Industry knowledge sharing across sectors
- Tools - Templates, calculators, and reference guides aligned with CPDW certification

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Course Outline

Detailed 5-Day Course Outline

Training Hours: 07:30 AM – 3:30 PM **Daily Format:** 3-4 Learning Modules | Coffee breaks: 09:30 & 11:15 | Lunch Buffet: 01:00 – 02:00

Day 1: Fundamentals of Distribution & Warehousing

- Module 1: Introduction to Warehouse Management (07:30 – 09:30)
 - Functions and objectives of warehousing
 - Evolution of modern distribution
- Module 2: Types of Warehouses and Operations (09:45 – 11:15)
 - Centralized vs. decentralized, bonded warehouses
- Module 3: Receiving & Put-away Operations (11:30 – 01:00)
 - Receiving procedures and storage location strategies
- Module 4: Workshop – Process Flow Mapping (02:00 – 03:30)

Day 2: Inventory & Storage Management

- Module 1: Inventory Control Methods (07:30 – 09:30)
 - ABC analysis, FIFO/LIFO, cycle counting
- Module 2: Storage Systems & Space Utilization (09:45 – 11:15)
 - Pallet racking, bin locations, vertical optimization
- Module 3: Barcoding & Technology Integration (11:30 – 01:00)
 - WMS, RFID, and IoT in warehouse operations
- Module 4: Workshop – Layout Optimization Exercise (02:00 – 03:30)

Day 3: Picking, Packing & Shipping

- Module 1: Picking Methods & Best Practices (07:30 – 09:30)
 - Wave, zone, batch, and discrete picking
- Module 2: Packing Standards & Materials Handling (09:45 – 11:15)
 - Packaging techniques and labeling standards
- Module 3: Dispatch and Delivery Management (11:30 – 01:00)
 - Route planning, courier integration, documentation
- Module 4: Case Study – Optimizing Last-Mile Delivery (02:00 – 03:30)

Day 4: KPIs, Safety & Lean Warehousing

- Module 1: Key Warehouse Performance Indicators (07:30 – 09:30)
 - Dock-to-stock time, order accuracy, inventory turnover
- Module 2: Lean Practices in Warehousing (09:45 – 11:15)
 - 5S, waste reduction, and standard work
- Module 3: Health, Safety & Compliance (11:30 – 01:00)
 - OSHA standards, fire safety, and ergonomic design
- Module 4: Workshop – Audit and KPI Dashboard Creation (02:00 – 03:30)

Day 5: Certification Review & Case Integration

- Module 1: CPDW Certification Exam Prep (07:30 – 09:30)
 - Practice questions and format overview
- Module 2: Final Group Case Presentation (09:45 – 11:15)
 - Integrated case on warehouse redesign and KPIs
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Module 3: Peer Feedback & Q&A (11:30 – 01:00)

- Discussion and best practice sharing
- Module 4: Certification Wrap-Up & Action Planning (02:00 – 03:30)

Certification

Upon successful completion, participants will receive a Certificate of Completion in Distribution & Warehouse Management and be eligible to apply for the CPDW Certification by the American Purchasing Society, validating global-level competence in warehouse and distribution excellence.

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