



Albany/Capital District Chapter Newsletter

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Albany/Capital District APICS - An Employment Resource

In these tough economic times, job-seekers need to take advantage of every resource available to them - Albany/Capital District APICS is one of those resources. In addition to excellent networking opportunities at our monthly PDMs, the chapter website (www.apicsalbany.org) and newsletter has an active "Job Postings" section. Anyone looking for a position in an Operations Management field should add us as one of their job search resources.

Local companies looking to fill positions would be wise to add Albany/Capital District APICS as one of their recruiting tools. The price for advertising a position is cheap (free), and a company would be reaching a network of talented Operations Management professionals that subscribe to the APICS body of knowledge and principles of professional development.

Anyone interested in posting a position can contact our President, Josh Weinstock, or any other board member. Board of Directors contact information is listed at the end of the newsletter.

Upcoming Educational Programs

Certified in Production and Inventory Management (CPIM)

Course: Master Planning of Resources
Dates: Jan. 5 - Feb. 23, 2009
Day/Time: Monday Evenings 6pm-9pm
Where: Plug Power (Latham)
Instructor: Sal Ganino CFPIM, CSCP, CQE, CQM
Cost: APICS members \$350, non-members \$400 (materials not included)

Course: Detailed Scheduling and Planning
Dates: Mar. 9 thru Apr. 27, 2009
Day/Time: Monday Evenings 6pm-9pm
Where: Plug Power (Latham)
Instructor: Sal Ganino CFPIM, CSCP, CQE, CQM
Cost: \$350, non-members \$400 (materials not included)

Anyone interested can contact Dean Meierdiercks (447-6507 or dmeierdiercks@apicsalbany.org).

APICS Lean Enterprise Workshop Series (NEW)

The workshop consists of 28 class hours and seven modules (Introduction, Lean Culture, Value Stream Mapping, Stability and Process Improvement, Just-in-time, Measuring, Sustaining). Participants will be awarded a certificate of completion from APICS. This course also counts as 28 professional development points towards CPIM and/or CSCP certification maintenance. To learn more about the new APICS Lean Enterprise Workshop Series [click here](#).

Course: Lean Enterprise Workshop Series
Dates: TBD (Flexible, depending on interest)
Day/Time: TBD (Flexible, depending on interest)
Where: TBD, Likely EXEControl (Clifton Park)
Instructor: Todd Nadler, CPIM, CSCP
Cost: APICS members \$900, non-members \$1,150 (all materials included)



Upcoming Educational Programs (continued)

Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP)

Course: Certified Supply Chain Professional (All Modules)
Dates: Starting Jan. 9, 2009
Day/Time: Tuesday & Thursday Evenings 6pm-9pm
Where: EXEControl (Clifton Park)
Instructor: Dean Meierdiercks, CPIM, CSCP
Cost: \$2,000 (all materials included)

Anyone interested can contact Dean Meierdiercks (447-6507 or dmeierdiercks@apicsalbany.org). To pay by credit/debit card [click here](#).

Job Openings

Job Title: Oracle OPM Business Analyst
Reports to: Manager, Enterprise Business Systems

Summary: Responsible for day to day support and maintenance of the Oracle Process Manufacturing (OPM) software and related modules. Part of the Oracle Applications team that will be the primary resource for this application. Provide implementation, configuration and support services for additional Oracle based projects.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Works as part of a team to provide support for OPM (oracle process manufacturing) and related modules from requirements gathering, through configuration, testing and production migration.
- Responsible for documenting the system in compliance with FDA regulations relating to computerized systems.
- Works closely with management and all areas that will use the functionality of OPM.
- Works closely with Quality group to ensure Information Systems are developed, implemented and maintained according to system development life cycle approach.
- Support and maintain Oracle Applications throughout the project life cycle, which includes assisting in trouble shooting, functional errors, issue resolution, etc.
- Work with Oracle support services to resolve customer open issues.
- Work closely with Oracle DBA(s) to resolve technical issues and request patches.
- Provide configuration management for application enhancements.
- Custom Report Requirements Gathering, documentation and development
- Other duties as necessary.

Supervisory Responsibilities:

- No supervisory responsibilities are associated with this position.

Knowledge and Skills:

- Strong knowledge of Oracle Applications (Primarily OPM)
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to train end users on proper use of software and suggest process improvements
- Oracle Discoverer knowledge desirable by not required

Education and Experience:

- Requires BS/BA in related field with 3 years of relevant experience; will substitute relevant experience for education.



Oracle OPM Business Analyst (continued)

Business Contacts:

- Vendors.

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Master Planner - Purchase, NY

Ideal candidate has worked for these companies: KPMG, Deloitte, PWC, Ernst and Young

*****Public Auditing Experience

The Master Planner contributes to the success of Company by leading the Advanced Production Planning Process for one or more Business Units. He or She will balance supply and capacity with demand to meet customer service objectives.

Key Accountabilities:

- Validate overall plan hours with Supply Planner and makes any necessary changes
- Responsible to improve customer service levels in the Business Unit (reduce Out of Stocks and Inventory)
- Create a Master Production Schedule, with Infor's AP tool, taking into account available capacity and any production constraints
- Manage exceptions for any plant, where current plan can not meet all demand with available capacity or when ending inventory falls below safety stock
- Create an achievable weekly Master Production Schedule for 13 weeks to be exported to Avail
- Develop production plans that meet or exceed customer service objectives, deliver finished goods inventories at or below target levels
- Support Supply Manager in root cause analysis related to production to improve Out of Stock (OOS) results
- Educate the organization on how master production planning improves Out of Stock and Inventory results
- Perform analysis that highlights trends, drivers and issues with demand and supply planning
- Initiate or participate, and execute plans to resolve issues
- Develop quarterly and annual capacity plans

Requirements

BS in Supply Chain, Engineering or Business (prefer MBA and CPA)

Minimum of 3 years of working experience in Operations or Supply Chain

APICS Certification

Experience in Supply Scheduling

Experience using a Master Production Planning tool such as Infor, Logility, or i2

Good leadership, project management, and organizational skills with the ability to work-cross functionally

Strong analytical and problem solving skills

Self-directed, resulted and goal oriented

Public Auditing Experience

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Board Expands Free Member Advertising

The ACAP APICS Board of Directors agreed at their last meeting to permit expanded free member advertising in the chapter newsletter and on www.apicsalbany.org. Previously, only job opening advertisements were allowed. Because of a specific request from a member to advertise services available due to excess capacity (see below), the board voted to expand advertising to include any reasonable request from an individual member or member's company. The Bulletin Board section of our website (<http://www.apicsalbany.org/Bulletin.htm>) will contain all non-employment advertising. Job postings can be found at <http://www.apicsalbany.org/Help.HTM>.

Excess Capacity Announcement

Latham Manufacturer has excess capacity in Thermal Vacuum Forming Department. Vacuum former can handle sheet sizes up to 100" x 116". In-House Mold Making Department also available.

Please contact Wes Cox, Operations Manager, to arrange a plant tour, and further discuss core competencies and possible applications. He can be reached at 518-786-1212 Ext. 710 or wcox@saratogaspas.com

The Albany/Capital District Chapter acknowledges the following members

New Members

Hong Yang – Anderson Instrument Company

Current Membership: 158
Professional Members: 80
Academic Professional Members: 1
Corporate Voting Members: 29
Corporate Associates: 48

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Comments, suggestions and story ideas are encouraged, and may be sent to:

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