

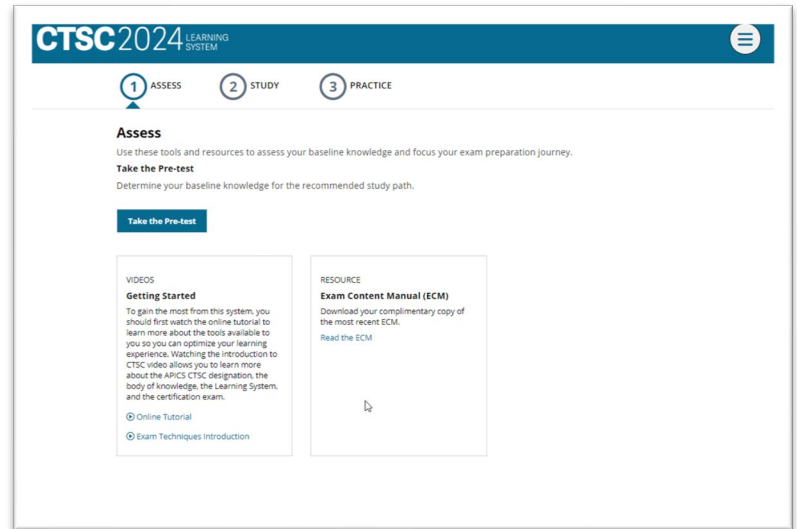
The CTSC Learning System Quick Reference Guide

ASSESS PAGE

The first page you will see upon entering the course is the assess page. From this page you can enter your stage of learning by clicking the button for Assess, Study, or Practice.

You can also access the Resource Center from the main menu any time if you are studying for your exam or need to reference something quickly from the reading materials.

This page is also where you can review the online tutorial video.



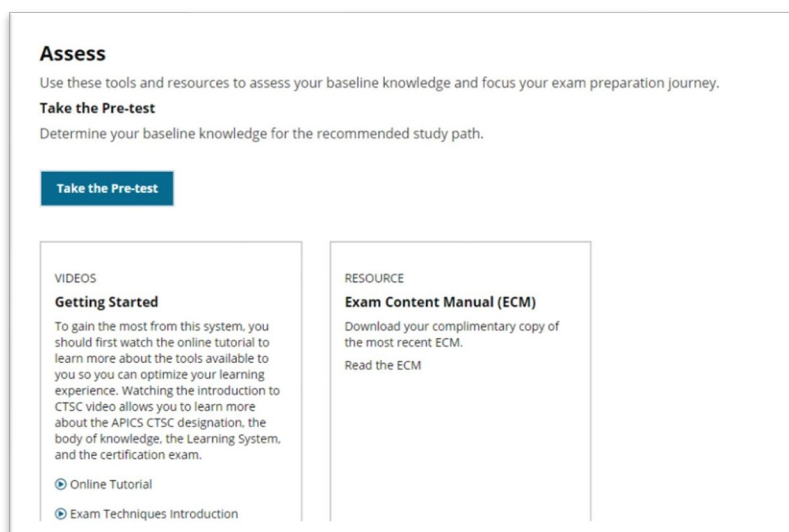
ASSESS, STUDY, AND PRACTICE PAGES

Each step includes content and activities such as:

- Reading materials
- Quizzes and tests
- Case studies

Complete the ASSESS content first before moving on to the study materials.

You can gain a greater understanding of your current areas of knowledge and weakness by taking the pretest. Then, based on your results, you can choose whether to study the content in the standard order in which it is presented or in a recommended order that is determined from the content areas in which you answered the fewest pretest questions correctly. You can switch back and forth between both ways of studying the content at any time.

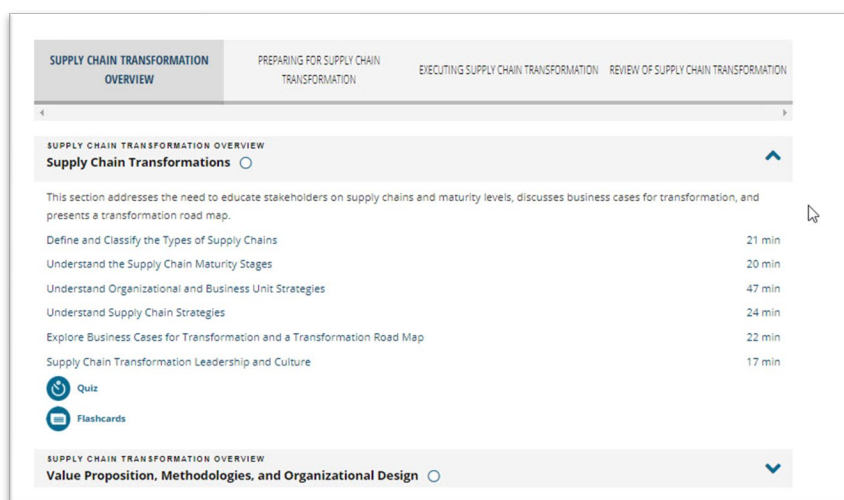


Embedded Reading Material

The APICS CTSC Learning System reading materials are available for viewing electronically. You can access the materials immediately from the Study section. Reading material is broken down by section and topic, with suggested reading times located next to each topic. For more information about this option, visit the e-pub download page in the Resource Center.

Enrichment and Instructional Videos

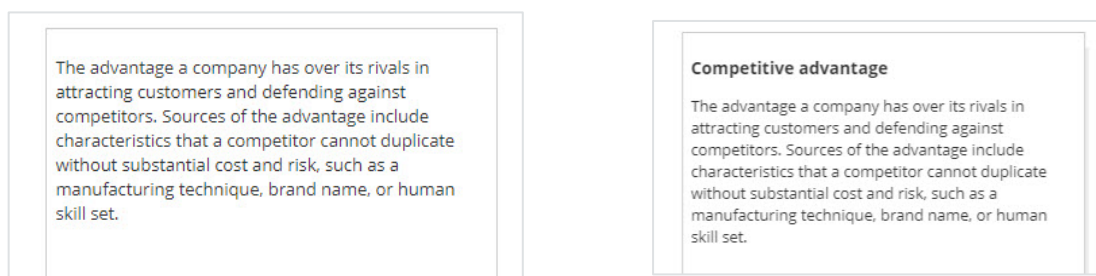
There are also enrichment videos to begin and end the course, introducing you to the learning system, the APICS CTSC certification, and the APICS CTSC body of knowledge, plus advice on how to take the exam with confidence. There are also multiple instructional videos in the online tools focusing on key concepts from the reading materials. After clicking into an enrichment video, you can play, pause, mute, or even make the video full-screen to optimize your viewing.



Flashcards

Also included in your materials are flashcards. There are two ways to access the flashcards—in an interactive format online or in print format from the Resource Center. When you begin an online flashcard session, the system tracks your progress. You are able to leave the session and return whenever you like. When you return to a session, you will be given the option of beginning a new session or continuing your current progress.

The flashcards include key glossary terms from the *ECM* that are introduced within the reading materials. Each card presents a definition from which you can guess the term. Then “flip” the card and move forward through the deck.



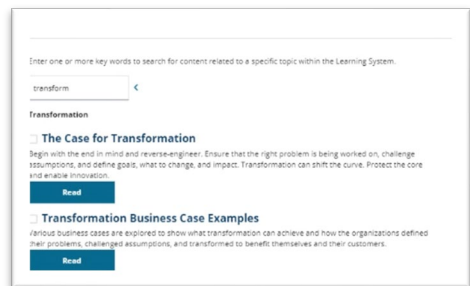
MENU

On the upper right corner of your screen there is a menu. This menu is available on every page within the online learning system. From this you will be able to access the Search feature, the Glossary, My Progress, the Resource Center, and Settings. Each of these areas is described in detail below.

Search Feature

The search feature is a powerful tool for you to use for navigating the content.

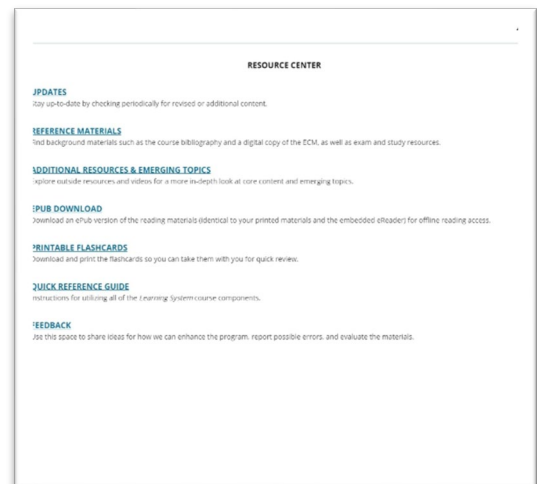
The search feature appears over whatever screen you are currently navigating and allows you to search for key terms or subject areas of interest. From the results, you can navigate directly into the relevant reading topics. A checkbox next to the topic indicates whether you have reviewed the material previously.



Resource Center

The Resource Center is full of information you should access throughout the course. Each section of the Resource Center is described below:

- **Updates:** Access the online errata for revised or additional content.
- **Reference Materials:** This area is where you can find study tools and administrative items such as the updated *Exam Content Manual (ECM)*, links to authorization to test resources, eligibility documents, and the *APICS Exam Handbook*. Study recommendations from successful APICS exam candidates can also aid you as you work through the materials. When you are finished studying, the test-taking and exam tips will prepare you to take the exam with confidence.
- **Additional Resources & Emerging Topics:** Explore outside resources and videos for a more in-depth look at core content and emerging topics.
- **ePub Download:** Download an ePub version of the reading materials for offline reading access.
- **Printable Flashcards:** In addition to the interactive online flashcards, this area offers printable flashcards in single- and double-sided formats so you can take them with you wherever you go.
- **Quick Reference Guide:** This is where you can access this guide from the learning system.
- **Feedback:** The feedback section is where you can evaluate the course after completion or submit a comment about the materials at any time via the Learning System Support Center. If you notice an error, have an idea on how to enhance the course, or want to share your opinion about the materials—you can submit your comments here.



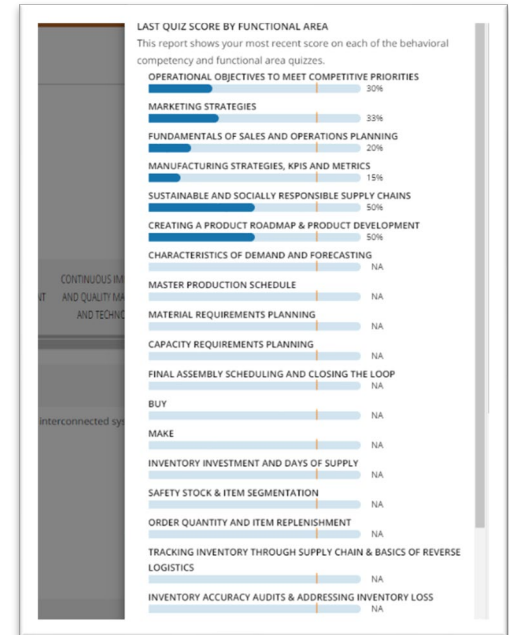
Glossary

The online glossary is an interactive tool available on the menu no matter where you are in the system. When opened, the glossary pops up to assist you in your learning experience—overlying whatever page you are currently navigating. You can navigate key terms by letter or by searching.

The key terms in the glossary are the same terms you will be studying in your online and printed flashcards to prepare for the exam. When you are finished reviewing, you can close the glossary and return to your work.

My Progress

The My Progress screen allows you to track your progress through the learning system and see your most recent quiz scores for each section. Like the glossary, when opened, the My Progress view appears over whatever page you are currently navigating. When you retake a quiz, the previous results are overwritten and displayed here.



Settings

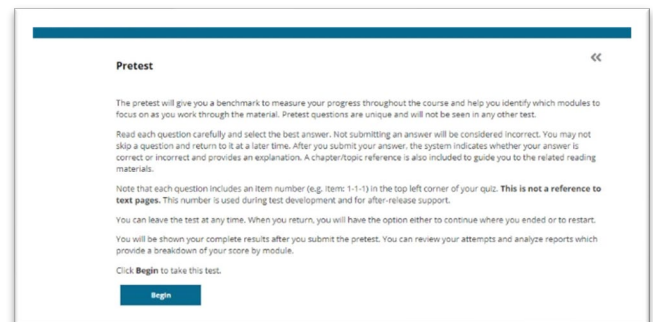
The settings function includes a help section that contains a number of frequently asked questions. If you need assistance with any aspect of the learning system, including technical issues, refer to the help section to review the FAQs or contact us.

QUIZZES, TESTS, AND PRACTICE EXAMS

Pretest

The pretest consists of 50 questions. As you progress through it, you will not be given feedback immediately. Once you complete it, you can review the questions, answers, and rationales by clicking “Review Last Attempt.”

The system will bookmark your progress as you move through the test. If you leave the test, the system will mark the test as “active.” Upon returning to the test, the system will ask if you would like to continue or start over. When you complete the test, you will be given your results.



Section Quizzes

When you are finished reviewing the course materials, you can test your knowledge gain with the section quizzes. These quizzes range in number depending on the content in each section but do not exceed 20 questions. Depending on the depth of the corresponding content, you can expect to see different questions on each subsequent quiz retake. We encourage you to take the quizzes multiple times. The questions found in the section quizzes are different from those found in the pretest, posttest, or practice exams. As you progress through the section quizzes, you will receive immediate feedback. Your progress will be bookmarked in the system. When you complete a quiz, you will be given your results. Your most recent quiz results can be reviewed and tracked in the My Progress section of the main menu.

Posttest

The posttest consists of 50 questions. Successful completion of this test, with 80% or higher, results in access to the congratulatory letter which indicates APICS CTSC Learning System completion.

The questions in the posttest are unique and are not used in any other part of the learning system. As you progress through the posttest, you will receive immediate feedback, just as you have in the online quizzes. Your progress will be bookmarked in the system. When you complete the test, you will be given your results.

Congratulatory Letter

After passing the posttest with a score of 80% or higher, a congratulatory letter is made available for download following your submission of a course evaluation.

Practice Exam

The practice exam differs from all other system quizzes and tests in that their format and functionality emulate that of the Pearson VUE software used at the APICS certification computer-based exam testing center. This means:

- No rationales are provided after you answer a question.
- The test is timed.
- You have the ability to flag a question for review later.

Unlike the other system tests and quizzes, which keep track of your progress and allow you to return without issue, in the practice exam the timer will continue to count down even if you are no longer logged into the system. You can return to the practice exam, and your progress is saved, but your timing will no longer be accurate. Once the exam is completed, you will be able to review the rationale for any question you would like to investigate.

The screenshot shows the 'Practice Exam' interface. At the top right, it says 'Question 2 of 150' and 'Item ascm11869'. The question text is: 'Which international trade theory is said to underly most international product trades because it relates to a country's relative level of efficiency in producing certain goods?'. Below the question, there is a section titled 'Answers' with four radio button options: 'International product life cycle', 'Theory of absolute advantage', 'Cluster theory', and 'Theory of comparative advantage'. The 'Theory of comparative advantage' option is selected. At the bottom, there are three buttons: 'Previous Question', 'Next Question', and a flag icon. A timer shows '3:29:18'.

The practice exam interface includes “previous question” and “next question” buttons to navigate the exam. There is also a feature that allows you to flag a question for review. You can skip, guess, or answer a question and return to it later for review before final submission.

The screenshot shows the review screen with a table of questions. The table has three columns: 'Question', 'Marked', and 'Status'. The 'Status' column shows icons for each question: a grey circle for 'Not Reviewed', a checkmark for 'Marked', and a red circle with an exclamation mark for 'Flagged for Review'. Question 8 is flagged for review. Above the table, there is a text prompt: 'Click on the question you want to review.'

Question	Marked	Status
Question 1		Not Reviewed
Question 2		Not Reviewed
Question 3	✓	Marked
Question 4		Not Reviewed
Question 5		Not Reviewed
Question 6	✓	Marked
Question 7		Not Reviewed
Question 8		Flagged for Review
Question 9		Not Reviewed
Question 10	✓	Marked
Question 11		Not Reviewed
Question 12		Not Reviewed
Question 13		Not Reviewed
Question 14		Not Reviewed
Question 15		Not Reviewed
Question 16		Not Reviewed
Question 17		Not Reviewed
Question 18		Not Reviewed
Question 19		Not Reviewed
Question 20		Not Reviewed

The review screen shows marked, completed, and incomplete questions. From the review screen you have the option of clicking into individual questions to review them one at a time, or review all questions, or review all incomplete questions, by choosing the appropriate button in the top right corner. Reviewing questions allows you to read through the rationale, see which answer you chose, and ascertain the correct answer. When you finish your review, the system will confirm your exam submission and then display your results. From here you can view question rationales by clicking on the “Review Last Attempt” button, or you can retake the exam. When you retake the practice exam, your previous flags and results will be overwritten and the exam timing will start over.