Logistics (or distribution) is a term describing the many functions related to the movement of an item from the place where it was made or grown to the place where it is used or consumed. All of the activities involved in moving goods to the right place at the right time can be described under the broad term logistics. The act of supervising or managing this far-reaching activity is generally known as logistics management. The following are components of a typical logistics system: customer service, demand forecasting, distribution, communications, inventory control, material handling, order processing, parts and service support, location analysis, purchasing, packaging, return goods handling, salvage and scrap disposal, traffic and transportation, and warehousing and storage. A position in a small company may involve all of these, while working for a large corporation may entail being involved with only one or a few of these areas.

**Career Areas/Job Titles:**

- **Management and Industry**
  - Order Entry
  - Inventory Planning
  - Distribution Planning
  - Management Information
  - Transportation Management
  - System Planning
  - Warehouse Operations
  - Purchaser
  - Warehouse Management
  - Productions and Operations Specialist
  - Material Handling Operations
  - Marketing Specialist
  - Packaging
  - General Management
  - Customer Service
  - General Management

*Some careers may require licensure, certification, or further education. Talk to an advisor about specific requirements.*

**Transferable Skills:**

- Provide/Respond to Feedback
- Verbal Communication
- Written Communication
- Defining Needs
- Forecasting/Predicting
- Gathering Information

- Basic Computer/Tech Skills
- Attention to Detail
- Judgment & Decision Making
- Implementing Decisions
- Managing Time/Stress
- Organization Skills
- Coaching/Mentoring
- Strategic Planning/Visioning
- Data Analysis
- Analytical/Critical Thinking
- Problem Solving
- Adaptability/Flexibility

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