Typical Supply Chain Management (SCOM) in Healthcare Intern Responsibilities

The goal of a healthcare internship in SCOM is to apply knowledge acquired in the classroom to real-world situations, as well as gain the skills and experience that is necessary to prepare the student for a successful career in SCOM.

UW Oshkosh SCOM Highlights:
The SCOM curriculum at UW Oshkosh incorporates a series of courses designed to make the student business-ready. There are the traditional courses in analytical planning and operations management. In addition, there are cutting edge courses in environmental management, strategy and supply chain management. SCOM students will each complete an internship at a regional firm, and will complete a consulting-type project for select firms where they will address a specific business need. It is the fastest growing major in the college. Advancing Productivity, Innovation, and Competitive Success (APICS) members participate in a variety of professional, social and community service activities. Students work closely with their "parent chapter" in the Fox Valley, an organization of over 400 professionals. APICS members won their 16th Platinum Award (more than any school in the nation!), and four students have received the Fogarty Award!

Internship Overview:
Internships are professional experiences that students participate in to gain professional skills and experiences. Internships are structured as learning experiences that combine in-class theory with real-world applications. A valid experience for SCOM majors is an internship or co-op that requires skills and knowledge obtained from College of Business SCOM courses. Positions should be similar to an entry-level position that these students would get out of college. Typically, SCOM majors are responsible for working in logistics and production of a product or service. They can work in a wide variety of industries. As an intern for an organization in the healthcare industry, your duties may cover several areas of study within SCOM.

Specific responsibilities may include:
- Purchasing and planning of supplies and equipment
- Assessing requirements and inventory
- Learning the organization’s purchasing policies and effectively negotiating price breaks with approved vendors and issuing purchasing orders
- Quality management for services offered by the organization

Projects students have done in the past:
- Researched and ordered environmentally-friendly items when possible
- Compiled and analyzed data on patient wait time, patient/patient’s family/employee/community satisfaction as well as development coordination