

Transportation Planner II – Abbott Nutrition – Columbus OH

At Abbott, we're committed to helping you live your best possible life through the power of health. For more than 125 years, we've brought new products and technologies to the world -- in nutrition, diagnostics, medical devices and branded generic pharmaceuticals -- that create more possibilities for more people at all stages of life. Today, 94,000 of us are working to help people live not just longer, but better, in the more than 150 countries we serve.

Founded in 1903 and restructured to focus on innovative nutrition products, the company that evolved into Abbott Nutrition built its reputation on nutritional excellence through solid scientific advances. We are a worldwide leader in nutrition science, research, and development. Abbott Nutrition is a division of Abbott, the global, broad-based health care company. Every day, our global team of scientists is working hard to discover and develop nutritional and related health care products that advance the quality of life for people of all ages.

Health care professionals and their patients trust us to provide cutting-edge nutrition products that meet changing nutrition needs. And we deliver on their expectations—providing a vast array of nutritional and therapeutic products that help babies and children grow, work to keep bodies strong, and support the unique needs of patients with chronic illnesses.

We are behind some of the world's most trusted names in pediatric, adult, and healthy living nutritional product brands such as:

- Similac® Advance®, Similac Expert Care® Alimentum®, and Similac® Soy Isomil® in infant formulas
- PediaSure® and Pedialyte® for children
- Ensure® and ZonePerfect® for active adults
- Glucerna® for people with diabetes

Primary Function / Primary Goals / Objectives:

Support and assist the execution of transportation supply chain processes that meet and/or exceed customer expectations and Abbott Nutrition Supply Chain goals and objectives. This position is responsible for scheduling freight and planning daily tactical work associated with transportation. The scope includes scheduling and planning parcel, less than truckload (LTL), and truckload (TL) shipments including Freight to Customer (FTC), Internal Deployment (ITD), Inbound Finished Goods (IBFG), International Drayage, and Inbound Raw Materials (IBRM). This person will be working on the computer and phones to communicate with carriers and customer service. This position will require constant follow up and attention to detail. Supporting activities include communication of carrier performance. This position will have exposure to both external and internal customers and will need to attain high level of customer service across multiple verticals.

Major Responsibilities:

Specific functional areas of responsibility include:

1. Proactive coordination of on-time delivery for all assigned plants.
2. Support the resolution situations that may jeopardize AN delivery performance and/or ability to meet customer PO must arrive by dates.
3. Support Logistics team with projects that meet division goals, customer service expectations, and cost requirements.
4. Must interact effectively with Third Party Providers, Quality Assurance, Customer Service Operations, Global purchasing, Finance, Customer DC Operations, Carrier Operations and Sales Management, and Division Logistics teams.
5. Conduct business with the highest standards of ethical behavior and in compliance with company rules and procedures.

Specific Responsibilities Include:

1. Utilization of the Transportation Management System to schedule all freight modes.
2. Maintain routing guide compliance to achieve cost profile goals.
3. Utilize real time freight management software to proactively execute changes.
4. Proactive communication to internal cross functional teams and external providers.
5. Manage and support transportation operational and procurement strategies while maintaining the cost profile and meeting Customer Service expectations.
6. Attend daily conference calls with warehouse teams to align on scheduling needs.
7. Attend carrier operational meetings to provide feedback on performance.
8. Review and provide feedback on carrier performance for sites managed.
9. Collaborate with Customer Program Specialist to meet customer specific expectations.
10. Participate in root cause analysis and corrective action initiatives facilitating changes needed to support customer fine reduction programs.
11. Support department with various projects and assignments as necessary.
12. Documentation of Transportation Procedures in the Global Logistics Procedure Database.
13. Some weekend and night coverage including issue resolution is required.

Education:

College degree required, Transportation/Logistics experience required

Background:

2+ years of Transportation or Logistics experience
Excellent written, verbal and organizational skills
Experience using SAP and Transportation Management Systems
Microsoft Office skills (Access, Excel, Word, Power Point) are required.
Excel skill level required – Pivot tables, vlookups, and if/then statements
Able to manage and organize large data files

Accountability / Scope:

Approximately 10,000 TL shipments and 16,000 LTL shipments per year representing approximately \$495 Million in revenue
Typical annual spend for the assigned area is \$15 – \$25 Million.
Supplier base of 50 TL Carriers, 17 LTL Carriers, & 1 Parcel Carrier
Multiple plant & distribution center operational support
Transportation Management Systems Support
Travel as required, approximately 5%, including customer and carrier visits.