

Construction Documents Technology (CDT) Program Overview

"CSI's CDT Certificate helps you understand how it ties together. You give people the right information."



- Cyndi Silvia, CDT

In the competitive world of construction, you have to prove yourself again and again. There's no better way to demonstrate your superior abilities than with CSI's industry recognized professional qualifications.

Only CSI's Certificate/Certification Programs benefit all disciplines in the non-residential building design and construction industry. That's because CSI is the only organization to represent all the members of the construction team.

With CDT after your name, you'll belong to a select and highly respected group of construction professionals – architects, contractors, contract administrators, specifiers, manufacturers representatives – known in the industry for their comprehensive knowledge of the writing and management of construction documents.

CDT - It's the foundation you need to gain the competitive advantage. As the cornerstone of CSI's certification series it's the prerequisite you need to achieve your Certified Construction Specifier (CCS), Certified Construction Contract Administrator (CCCA), or Certified Construction Product Representative (CCPR)...It's the real world continuing education you need.

The Construction Documents Technology (CDT) Program

The Construction Documents Technology (CDT) Program provides a comprehensive overview for anyone who writes, interprets, enforces, or

manages construction documents. Project architects, contractors, contract administrators, material suppliers, and manufacturers' representatives are all realizing the advantages of being Construction Documents Technologists.

By being able to understand and interpret written construction documents, CDTs perform their jobs more effectively. By understanding the roles and relationships of all participants, CDTs improve communication among all members of the construction team.

CDT Exam Overview

CDT candidates must demonstrate their knowledge of CSI's recommended practices in the following subject areas:

- The construction process
 - Construction contract types
 - Modifications and substitution procedures
- Contractual relationships
 - Rights, duties, and responsibilities
 - Contract provisions
 - Relationship and organization of construction documents
- Use of construction documents
 - Organizational formats
 - Interpreting construction documents

CDT Exam Source Materials

You can download a free copy of CSI's CDT Study Guide by visiting www.csinet.org/certification and click on the Study Guide and Source Materials link.

Make sure to contact your local chapter regarding Study Courses in your area! Visit

The CDT examination tests candidates' knowledge and understanding of the following source materials:

- Project Resource Manual - CSI Manual of Practice (PRM) and its appendices (included):
 - MasterFormat™ (2004 edition)
 - PageFormat™ (1999 edition)
 - SectionFormat™ (1997 edition)
 - UniFormat™ (1998 edition)

(The PRM, MasterFormat, PageFormat, SectionFormat and UniFormat

are available in CSI's [Bookstore](#))

- General Conditions of the contract and Contract Forms **common** to the following documents:
 - AIA A201-1997 General Conditions of the Contract for Construction **OR**
 - EJCDC C-700 Standard General Conditions of the Construction Contract

Online Education Programs

The Construction Specifications Institute and AEC Daily have partnered to produce the first of 10 online courses for Construction Documents. Please note that these are recommended educational programs in addition to the source materials listed above and not preparatory materials for the exam.

The course is based on the Project Resource Manual – CSI Manual of Practice and CSI's Construction Documents Education Program. The courses have been developed as an introduction to construction documents and as an addendum to those interested in construction documents. The courses are free to industry professionals.

To take the course online, visit www.aecdaily.com/csi.

Course participants are encouraged to register for the CDT exam and contact their [local CSI chapter](#) for information on their education programs.

About The Exam

The CDT examination lasts two hours and contains 100 multiple-choice questions. To pass, candidates must receive a grade of 75 percent or higher.

Full-time students may register for the CDT exam at a discounted rate. The CDT application fee includes registration, study guide, and examination. It does not include the source materials.

The CDT is quickly becoming a vital employment credential—because in today's information-based work place—it really is what you know that counts. The world of construction is a very different environment once you've earned your CDT. The CDT program focuses on honing the skills and acquiring the knowledge essential for today's competitive work place.

To help candidates prepare for the exam, CSI will provide all candidates with a study guide.

For more information, please contact CSI Member Services at csi@csinet.org or 800-689-2900.