



## Earning Your CCDS Continuing Education Units

Here is a list of the many ways you can obtain the 30 CEUs required for CCDS recertification. The first few bullets highlight ACDIS-related opportunities, but these are by no means required.

1. *CDI Journal* (free for ACDIS members) published six times a year, qualifies for one CEU credit upon the completion of the corresponding exam.
2. ACDIS quarterly conference calls (free for ACDIS members) qualify for one CEU credit upon the completion of the accompanying survey.
3. Annual ACDIS National Conference awards CEUs (13 each in recent years; you count all of these CEUs).
4. ACDIS Local Chapter Meetings and conferences: Many of the local chapters throughout the country offer extensive educational sessions and work with ACDIS national to provide CEUs to their members. Visit the Local Chapter page on the ACDIS website to connect with the chapter nearest you.
5. HCPro CDI Boot Camps: There are a number of CDI and coding Boot Camps that offer credits, the numbers of which vary depending on the length and subject matter of the program. Check the Boot Camp web page to learn how many CEUs are awarded for a particular program. You can count all CEUs awarded for an ACDIS CDI or HCPro coding Boot Camp.
6. Complete college courses relevant to healthcare/healthcare management, CDI, or clinical coursework for credit or degrees (10 CEUs per credit).
7. Present CDI-related topics at seminars/speaking engagements that are not part of regular work responsibilities. Two CEUs are awarded for each half-hour of presentation time. A program may be submitted only once in each renewal period. The program must be accredited through appropriate professional organizations such as ACDIS, AHIMA, ANCC, and include a timed agenda and documentation of program objectives.
8. Submit activities from other organizations that provide education or training in CDI, ICD-10, clinical (disease or diagnosis), coding, documentation improvement activities, or diagnosis/pathophysiology. These might come from organizations such as AHIMA or AAPC, or be nursing or CME credits.

There is a restriction to CEUs issued by other agencies or organization: **For any single event** that awards more than 10 CEUs, we will accept 10. For example:

- If you attend an AHIMA training and it awards (for example)15 CEUs, we will accept 10 for your recertification.
- If you attend an AHIMA webinar or similar training that awards you one or two CEUs, ACDIS will accept as many of those events as you wish to submit.

The same applies to CEUs you earn from ANCC, AAPC, CME, and other agencies that provide CDI-related training. ACDIS also accepts training from companies such as 3M and Precyse as long as it is CDI-related training, to the maximum of 10 for any single training event.

The key is that no single event can award more than 10 CEUs unless the certificate specifically states that the CEUs awarded are CCDS CEUs. **Some companies, such as 3M, Panacea, and Reimbursement Review Associates purchase ACDIS CEUs for their large programs, and ACDIS accepts all of these CEUs. You will know whether you can submit all of these because the certificate will clearly indicate that the program awarded a specific number of CCDS CEUs.**

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