



## 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** CEUs (13 were awarded in recent years; all these CEUs count toward your CCDS recertification).
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. Each chapter offers its own CEU opportunities.
5. **HCPPro CDI Boot Camps:** There are several CDI and Coding Boot Camps that offer credits with the number of credits varying 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 HCPPro coding Boot Camp toward your CCDS recertification.
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 national seminars and speaking engagements that are not part of regular work responsibilities.** You may claim two CEUs 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. **Speakers at local chapter-style events or speaking engagements that are not part of regular work responsibilities:** You may claim one CEU per hour of presentation.
9. **Write an article for a CDI publication available to the public.** ACDIS will award one CEU for each 750 published words of original work that appear in

publications including but not limited to CDI Journal, The American Journal of Nursing, or the Journal of AHIMA. The article must be available to a public audience in a peer-reviewed or refereed journal, or other like publication, and not restricted to internal use by a private organization. Sole or joint authorship of a book, manual, or other longer work will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

10. **Submit activities that you have completed from other organizations (such as AHIMA or AAPC)** that provide education or training in CDI, ICD-10, clinical (disease or diagnosis), coding, documentation improvement activities, or diagnosis/pathophysiology. You can also count nursing or CME credits.

If you choose this option, be aware that **we only accept up to 10 CEUs per single event issued by other agencies or organization**. For example:

- If you attend a training that awards 15 CEUs, we will accept 10 CEUs for your recertification.
- If you attend a webinar or similar training that awards you one or two CEUs, ACDIS will accept as many of those individual 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 exception to the 10-CEU per single event limit** is if the *certificate specifically states that the CEUs awarded are CCDS CEUs*. ACDIS accepts all CCDS-specific CEUs (without limitation). Some companies that have purchased ACDIS CEUs include, but are not limited to 3M, MedPartners, and OPTUM360.

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