Earning Your CCDS Continuing Education Units

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

1. *CDI Journal* quiz, published six times a year beginning in 2015, take the corresponding exam for one credit per edition.
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 awarded CCDS CEUs (13 each in recent years). We know how valuable the information shared at the conference is to your professional and program growth.
4. ACDIS Local Chapter Meetings and conferences: Many of the more than 30 local chapters meeting throughout the country offer extensive educational sessions and work with ACDIS national to provide CCDS 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 available which 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.
6. *Submit up to 10 CEUs for a single activity* that provides CDI training and education, ICD-10, clinical (disease or diagnosis), coding, documentation improvement activities, or diagnosis/pathophysiology education from other organizations, such as AHIMA, AAPC and ANCC, and CME credits.
7. *Submit CEUs at a rate of 1-for-1 for individual training and education activities that award fewer than 10 CEUs for a single activity* and are CDI training and education, ICD-10, clinical (disease or diagnosis), coding, documentation improvement activities, or diagnosis/pathophysiology education from other organizations, such as AHIMA, AAPC and ANCC, and CME credits.
8. Complete college courses relevant to healthcare/healthcare management, CDI, or clinical coursework for credit or degrees (10 CEUs per credit).
9. Present CDI-related topics at seminars/speaking engagements that are not part of regular work responsibilities. 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 an appropriate professional organizations such as ACDIS, AHIMA, ANCC, and include a timed agenda and documentation of program objectives.

* Further clarification for number 6 and 7:
ACDIS will accept as many CDI-related CEUs from other organizations (such as AHIMA and JATA) as you wish to submit with this exception: For any 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, we will accept as many of those events as you wish to submit. We’ll accept the entire 30 you need to recertify.

The key is that no single event can award more than 10.

The same applies to CEUs you earn from ANCC, AAPC, CME, and other agencies that provide CDI-related training. We consider CDI-related training to be the exact kinds of training you mentioned in your initial email: CDI, inpatient coding, technology, DRG, reimbursement, plus anatomy and physiology, ICD-10 disease process.

We routinely accept training from companies such as 3M and Precyse as long as it is CDI-related training, to a maximum of 10 for any single training event. Some companies, such as 3M, Panacea, and Reimbursement Review Associates have purchased ACDIS CEUs for their large programs, and we accept all of these CEUs. You’ll know if you can submit all of these because the certificate will clearly indicate that the program awarded a specific number of CCS CEUs.

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