

Taking the CDT

The Construction Documents Technologist (CDT) exam is the prerequisite for all Construction Specifications Institutes's (CSI's) certification exams. It consists of 120 questions to be completed within two hours. The advanced designations – Certified Construction Specifier (CCS), Certified Construction Contract Administrator (CCCA), and Certified Construction Product Representative (CCPR) – have exams comprising 200 questions to be completed in four hours.* A passing score for all is 75 percent or greater.

For those candidates involved with the Intern Development Program (IDP), passing the CDT exam provides 40 elective credit hours, while achieving CCS and CCCA offer 40 core credit hours in “Material Selection and Specification” and “Construction Administration”, respectively. More details can be found under the “Certification” tab from under “QuickTasks” within the NCARB & CSI Certification link at www.csinet.org.

Early-bird registration for the 2013 spring exam closes Thursday, January 31; all exam registrations end on Thursday, February 28. After registration, CSI will e-mail candidates an “Authorization to Test” message, which will contain necessary information for scheduling the exam at a local Prometric Test Center from April 1 to April 27. Visit www.prometric.com to find your local test center.

Visit www.csinet.org and select “Certification” for additional information on:

- exam descriptions;
- preparation and source materials;
- practice guides, candidate handbooks, and study guides;
- FAQs about CSI certification; and
- How to download the necessary registration forms.

Local CSI chapters, regions, and the Institute, along with companies such as Spec Guy with its “CDT One Day at a Time” program, have online and live study courses to assist.

Come join us and get certified; make a difference for yourself, your employer, and your clients, along with the greater architectural/engineering/construction industry.

* CCS candidates are required to have at least five years of experience, CCCA and CCPR candidates need at least two years, attested to by two practitioners in the field.