



Enhance Your Career and Become a

CDM® | CFPP®

Certified Dietary Manager

Certified Food Protection Professional

A Certified Dietary Manager, Certified Food Protection Professional (CDM, CFPP) is an expert in the following areas:

- Foodservice
- Sanitation & Safety
- Personnel & Communications
- Business Operations
- Nutrition

CDM, CFPPs are nationally-recognized experts at managing foodservice operations. They have the education, training and experience to competently perform the responsibilities of a dietary manager and have proven this by passing the nationally-recognized CDM Credentialing Exam and fulfilling the requirements needed to maintain certified status.

The new CMS Requirements now list the CDM, CFPP credential as the primary qualification for the Director of Food and Nutrition Services in the absence of a full-time Registered Dietitian.

Have a question? Contact us today at info@CBDMonline.org or at 800.323.1908.

CDM Credentialing Exam Eligibility Requirements

You are eligible to take the CDM, CFPP Credentialing Exam if you meet the requirements of one of the pathways outlined below.

Pathway I: for graduates of an ANFP-approved foodservice manager training program. Candidate's name must appear on the official graduate list sent to ANFP by the college/school.

Pathway II: for graduates with a two-year or four-year or higher college degree in foodservice management, nutrition, culinary arts, or hotel-restaurant management. Candidates must submit their transcript* with exam application. Transcript must show completion of one course in nutrition and two courses in foodservice management.

Pathway III(a): for graduates of a comprehensive 90-hour foodservice course curriculum who also have two years of full-time non-commercial foodservice management experience. Candidates must submit a copy of their transcript* and employment verification form with exam application. Transcript must show completion of one course in nutrition and two courses in foodservice management.

Pathway III(b): for graduates of classroom and online instructional portion of an ANFP-approved foodservice manager training program who also have two years of full-time non-commercial foodservice management experience. Candidates must submit a copy of a certificate of course completion and employment verification with exam application, and their name must be on official graduate list sent to ANFP by the college/school.

Pathway IV: for current and former members of the U.S. military who have graduated from an approved military dietary manager training program and have attained the grade of E-5. Candidates must submit your documentation of military training and pay grade with application. Transcript must show completion of one course in nutrition and two courses in foodservice management.

Pathway V: for graduates with an alternate two-year, four-year or higher college degree who also have a minimum of five years of full-time non-commercial foodservice management experience. Candidates must submit a copy of their transcript* and employment verification with application. Transcript must show completion of one course in nutrition and two courses in foodservice management.

**All coursework must be completed through an accredited post-secondary educational institution and a passing grade of C or higher earned. For full details of eligibility pathways, please visit www.CBDMonline.org/get-certified/eligibility.*

***Non-commercial foodservice operations serve food as support within an institution, such as hospitals, nursing homes, schools, military, correctional facilities, or community feeding programs, and are typically subsidized by the institution from which they operate. They have third-party oversight by agencies such as TJC, local and/or state health departments, CMS, etc.*

Helpful Links

CDM Credentialing Exam Information

Exam Registration Information - Register online or by mail. Learn more at www.CBDMonline.org/Register.

Exam Sites & Scheduling - Candidates approved for eligibility to sit for the exam by CBDM receive an e-mail on next steps to schedule the exam. Learn more at www.CBDMonline.org/Schedule.

Credentialing Exam Study Materials - Study materials and reference textbooks are available to help you prepare for the CDM Credentialing Exam. Learn more at www.CBDMonline.org/Exam-Prep.

ANFP Membership Information

Join more than 15,000 professionals dedicated to the practice of providing optimum nutritional care through foodservice management. Join today at www.ANFPonline.org/Join.

ANFP Member Benefits - By earning your CDM, CFPP credential, you will join the top levels of nutrition and foodservice managers in the field. It can advance your career and open many new opportunities for employment! In addition, credential holders who are ANFP members have an added benefit of CE opportunities at reduced rates. Learn more at www.ANFPonline.org/Benefits.