



# Dietary Manager **or** Certified Dietary Manager... **What's the Difference?**



Not all individuals with a job title of "dietary manager" are certified, i.e., hold the credential of Certified Dietary Manager, Certified Food Protection Professional (CDM, CFPP). The CDM Credentialing Exam is part of the competency assurance program for dietary managers administered by the Certifying Board for Dietary Managers.



A CDM, CFPP has the education and experience to perform the responsibilities of a dietary manager and has proven competency by passing a nationally recognized credentialing exam. CDM, CFPPs work together with Registered Dietitian Nutritionists and Dietetic Technicians, Registered to provide quality nutritional care for clients in a variety of non-commercial settings and perform many nutrition-related tasks.



The credentialing exam covers five competency areas and 233 specific tasks. More than 25% of the defined competency areas involve nutrition, nutrition documentation, and/or communicating with the healthcare team, including routine nutrition screening, documenting nutrition data and participating in care conferences. CDM, CFPP credentialing provides access to trained support personnel within the healthcare industry, and may provide a practical solution for daily staffing in this environment.

	DIETARY MANAGER	CDM, CFPP
Often functions as a director of food and nutrition services.	Yes	Yes
Has met specific educational requirements in foodservice management; human resources management; nutrition & medical nutrition therapy; and sanitation & safety	Sometimes	Yes
Has passed the standardized, competency-based certification exam administered by CBDM.	No	Yes*
Meets rigorous continuing education standards to maintain the credential.	N/A	Yes
Certification program is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).	N/A	Yes
Works closely with a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist.	Yes	Yes

\*Typical first-time pass rate: 78%