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Certified Dietary Manager
Certified Food Protection Professional

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A Certified Dietary Manager, Certified Food Protection Professional (CDM, CFPP) is an expert at managing foodservice operations and ensuring food safety, and has achieved competency in five key areas

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

CDM, CFPPs are nationally-recognized experts at managing foodservice operations. They have the education and work 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.

Contact CBDM with questions at info@CBDMonline.org or at 800.323.1908, select option 1.

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CDM Credentialing Exam Eligibility Requirements



For graduates of an ANFP-approved foodservice manager training program. Candidates must submit a certificate of course completion and their name must appear on the official graduate list that is sent by the college/school to ANFP.



For graduates of a two-year, four-year or greater, college degree in foodservice management, nutrition, culinary arts, or hotel-restaurant management. Candidates must submit a copy of their transcript* with exam application. Transcript requirements must include a minimum of one course in nutrition and two courses in foodservice management.



For graduates of a comprehensive, minimum 90-hour, foodservice course curriculum, who also have two years of full-time non-commercial foodservice management work experience.** Candidates must submit a copy of their transcript* and employment verification with exam application. Transcript requirements must include a minimum of one course in nutrition and two courses in foodservice management.



For graduates of the 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 work experience.** Candidates must submit a copy of a certificate of course completion, their name must appear on the official graduate listing that is sent to ANFP by the college/school and they must submit employment verification with exam application.



For current and former members of the U.S. military who have graduated from a military dietary manager, foodservice manager, or culinary arts training program that is a minimum of 90 hours of foodservice management training. Candidates must submit their Joint Services Transcript (JST) as documentation of military training. Two courses in foodservice management and one in nutrition is required. Two years of non-commercial foodservice management experience is required as verified on the JST or the Employer Verification Form.



For graduates with an alternate two-year, four-year or higher degree. Candidates must have a minimum of five years of full-time non-commercial foodservice management work experience.** Candidates must submit a copy of their transcript* and employment verification with exam application. Transcript requirements must include a minimum of one course in nutrition and two courses in foodservice management.

**All coursework must be completed through an accredited post-secondary education institution and a passing grade of C or higher earned.*

***Non-commercial foodservice operations serve food as a 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 Registration Information - Register online at www.CBDOnline.org/Register.

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

CDM Credentialing Exam Study Materials - Study materials and reference textbooks are available to help you prepare for the CDM Credentialing Exam. Learn more at www.CBDOnline.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 the CDM, CFPP credential, you become a peer with elite nutrition and foodservice professionals. Achieving this certification is a proven way to advance your career and demonstrate your commitment to excellence in dietary management! In addition, credential holders who are ANFP members have an added benefit of CE opportunities at reduced rates in addition to other benefits. Learn more at www.ANFPonline.org/Benefits.