



Career Pathway

presented by ACDIS® and AHIMA®

The CDI Career Pathway outlines a thoughtful progression for professionals who want to grow their expertise and advance their careers through recognized certifications and credentials. No matter where you are in your CDI journey—just starting out, building experience, or leading the field—there is always another milestone to achieve. Explore the pathway to find your next opportunity.

Intermediate Options

- ACDIS Certified Clinical Documentation Specialist (CCDS)
- ACDIS Certified Clinical Documentation Specialist-Outpatient (CCDS-O)
- ACDIS-Approved CDI Physician Advisor

Foundational Options

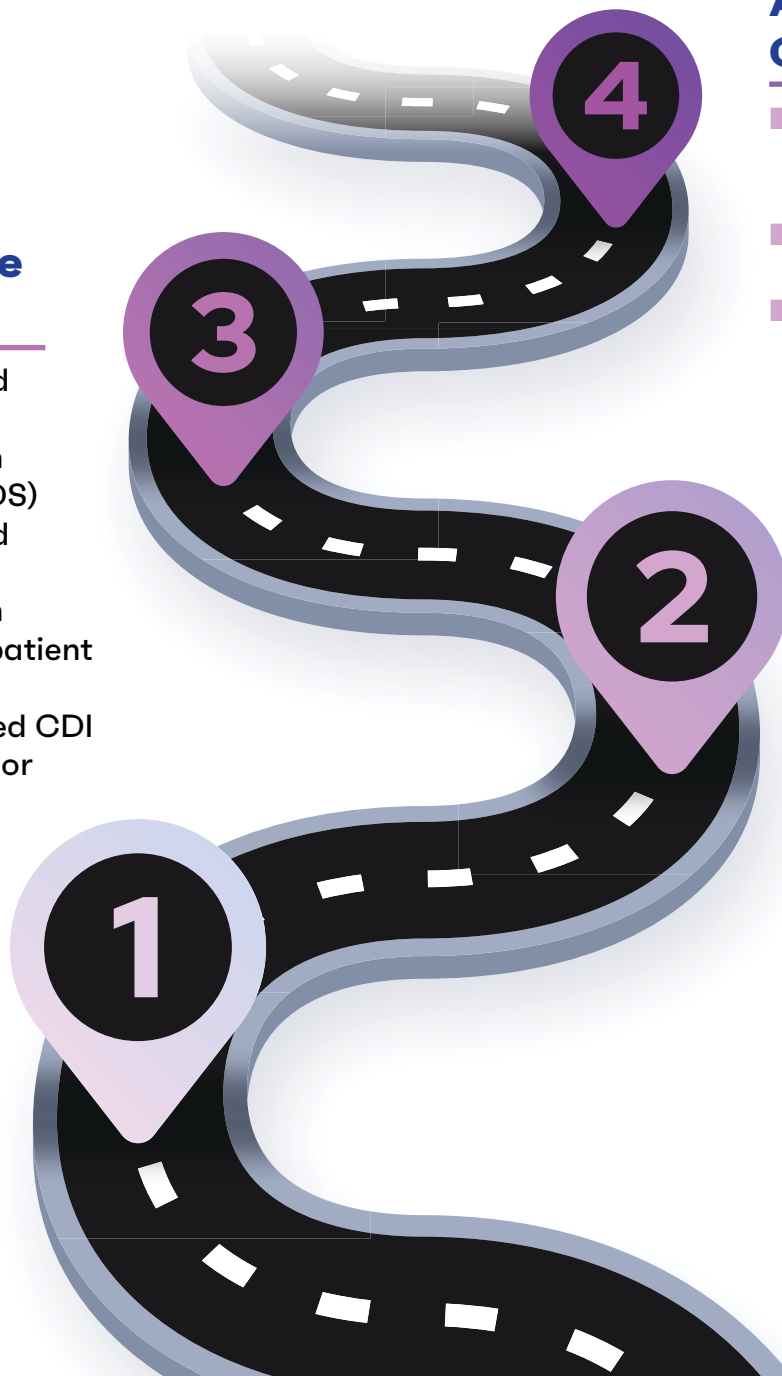
- ACDIS CDI Apprenticeship

Advanced Options

- AHIMA Certified Coding Specialist (CCS)
- ACDIS-Approved CDI Educator
- ACDIS-Approved CDI Leader

Early Career Options

- AHIMA Certified Documentation Integrity Practitioner (CDIP)





Foundational Options

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ACDIS CDI Apprentice: Become an ACDIS-Approved CDI Apprentice with this certificate program for those seeking to enter the CDI profession. Pairing foundational CDI education with review of core compliance and ethical principles, it's the perfect first start in your CDI journey.

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Early Career Options

AHIMA's Certified Documentation Integrity Practitioner (CDIP): The CDIP credential is recognized as a symbol of a CDI professional's clinical and coding competency, CDI knowledge and understanding, and commitment to excellence. Whether from clinical or HIM backgrounds, CDIP holders are equipped for success.

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Intermediate Options

ACDIS Certified Clinical Documentation Specialist (CCDS): Recognized as the gold standard for CDI excellence, the CCDS credential is the mark of distinction for expert-level CDI professionals who have more than two years' CDI experience and who demonstrate mastery of CDI principles.

ACDIS Certified Clinical Documentation Specialist-Outpatient (CCDS-O): For outpatient CDI professionals, the CCDS-O credential signifies expert-level CDI in outpatient settings for those who have more than two years' CDI experience and who demonstrate mastery of CDI principles.

Physician Advisor Boot Camp: Become an ACDIS-Approved CDI Physician Advisor with this certificate program focusing on boosting the effectiveness of your organization's CDI program, ensuring CDI physician advisors are equipped to lead with confidence.

Advanced Options

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AHIMA's Certified Coding Specialist (CCS): For CDI professionals wanting to deepen their understanding of coding guidelines and boost their acumen with quality data, CCS is an advanced level credential.

CDI Educator Boot Camp: Become an ACDIS-Approved CDI Educator with this certificate program that teaches how to train and onboard staff, perform audits, educate providers, and excel in this vital role.

Leadership in CDI Boot Camp: Become an ACDIS-Approved CDI Leader with this certificate program that is essential for anyone in a leadership position or seeking leadership professional development to build skills including how to manage and staff a department, develop a department mission, and create a strategy that aligns with your organization's goals.

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