



**Certified Data Centre  
Design Professional**

**BTEC Level 5  
Professional Award**

The **Global Leader of Technical Education and Training**  
for the **Data Centre & Network Infrastructure** Sectors

## Certified Data Centre Design Professional (CDCDP®)

### 7 DAY PROGRAM

#### Split into:

- ▶ 3 Day Core Unit (CDCD®)
- ▶ 4 Day Professional Unit (CDCDP®)

**Combined: 75% Theory 25% Practical**

The CDCDP® Program consists of 868 pages of rich technical content.

You must successfully complete the (CDCD®) core unit before moving on to the (CDCDP®) professional unit.

#### Student Profile

The CDCDP® program is designed for individuals involved with, or responsible for, an existing Data Centre, or those looking to achieve best practice when designing and implementing these facilities.

#### Pre-Requisites

Experience of working within a Data Centre environment is essential.

#### Program Objectives

Students gain a comprehensive insight into the essential elements of Data Centre design and how to address them in a variety of situations and applications.

#### Program Requirements

Students are required to bring a laptop with internet connectivity.

#### Qualification

- ▶ Internationally and industry recognised Level 5 BTEC Professional Award

#### Certification

- ▶ Official Certified Data Centre Design Professional (CDCDP®) certification
- ▶ Use of CDCDP post nominal title
- ▶ Use of the CDCDP® logo

Certifications are a commitment to life-long learning and offer the perfect portal to ensure knowledge, skills and certification remain current and up-to-date. Each certification gained requires re-certifying every three years via a simple online system.

#### Additional Awards

- ▶ Continual Professional Development (CPDs)

## Certified Data Centre Design Professional (CDCDP®)

### Program Overview

**Learn how to scope, plan and implement a Data Centre design to meet the ever expanding demands of today's modern business environment. Utilising current best practices and applicable standards across the key Data Centre Infrastructures.**

The Certified Data Centre Design Professional (CDCDP®) program is proven to be an essential certification for individuals wishing to highlight their expertise and progress their career within the Data Centre sector.

The program has a comprehensive agenda that explores and addresses the key elements associated with designing a Data Centre. It teaches best practice principles for the design, construction and operation of computer rooms and Data Centre facilities. The program also addresses the requirements of a successful design to meet the business needs, incorporating the key infrastructure elements of the physical infrastructure, electrical distribution systems, air-conditioning, data cabling and building support systems. It concludes with a comprehensive case study exercise that leads students through the design steps from initiation to commission, covering the business decisions, design scope and implementation phases that need to be addressed throughout the design configuration process.

The CDCDP® also takes into account the requirements of the current BS EN 50600 and TIA 942-A standards, industry best practice documentation and codes of conduct.

During the program students will also have access to current standards for reference purposes.

The program will prove beneficial for professionals already working and implementing design projects within a Data Centre facility, or those looking to move into the Data Centre environment from IT, network, data cabling or facilities management backgrounds.

The CDCDP® program content is continually updated to reflect the current Data Centre industry design practices and supporting technology.

The CDCDP® program is classroom based and led by one of CNet Training's expert instructors.

“The CDCDP® program contains lots of useful information regarding US and International standards. Outstanding program and highly recommended.”

**DATA CENTRE MANAGER**

# Certified Data Centre Design Professional (CDCDP®) Topics

## Core Unit

### What is a Data Centre?

- ▶ The Data Centre Stack
- ▶ Types of Data Centre

### The Design Planning Process

- ▶ Main design considerations
- ▶ Developing a project plan

### Scoping the Requirement

- ▶ Identifying key stakeholders
- ▶ Market and political drivers
- ▶ National and international standards
- ▶ Availability and resilience classifications
- ▶ Introduction to Uptime Tier model and TIA 942-A recommendations for location, size, height, floor loading, lighting and decor

### Raised Access Floors

- ▶ National and International standards
- ▶ Structural and load requirements
- ▶ Recommended floor heights
- ▶ Airflow and sealing
- ▶ Ramps and access
- ▶ Seismic protection
- ▶ Slab floor construction considerations

### Cabinets

- ▶ Requirements of a cabinet
- ▶ Security, safety and stabilisation
- ▶ Clearance, accessibility and ventilation
- ▶ Cable management
- ▶ Seismic stability considerations
- ▶ Design specifications

### Power

- ▶ Regulations and codes
- ▶ The meaning of N, N+1, 2(N+1) etc.
- ▶ Power delivery and distribution losses
- ▶ Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) options

- ▶ Generator considerations
- ▶ Power distributions units
- ▶ Power distribution to, and in, a rack
- ▶ Remote Power Panels (RPPs)
- ▶ Emergency Power Off (EPO)
- ▶ Estimating power requirements

### Cooling

- ▶ National and International standards
- ▶ Basics of air conditioning principles
- ▶ CRAHs and CRACs
- ▶ ASHRAE Operational parameters
- ▶ Under floor plenum approach
- ▶ Hot aisle/cold aisle layout principles
- ▶ Hot and cold aisle containment
- ▶ Psychrometric charts
- ▶ Min and max throw distances for under floor air
- ▶ Bypass and recirculation
- ▶ Airflow management
- ▶ Chilled water racks, CO<sub>2</sub>, free air cooling

### Earthing & Bonding

- ▶ Applicable standards
- ▶ The terminology of earthing, grounding & bonding
- ▶ Equipotential bonding
- ▶ Electrostatic Discharge (ESD)
- ▶ Functional earths
- ▶ The Signal Reference Grid (SRG)

### Cable Containment, Management & Protection

- ▶ Applicable standards
- ▶ Separation of power and data cables
- ▶ Administration and labelling
- ▶ Types of conduit, trunking, tray, etc available
- ▶ Earthing and bonding
- ▶ Containment fill ratio
- ▶ Underfloor v Overhead containment
- ▶ Cable management, in and to a rack
- ▶ Fire stopping

### Delivering the IT strategy

- ▶ Data Centre equipment
- ▶ Functions and protocols, current and future
- ▶ Data Centre connections
- ▶ Cabling requirements
- ▶ Cabling standards
- ▶ Cabling options
- ▶ The impact of 40G and 100G
- ▶ The impact of virtualisation

### Copper and Optical Fibre Cabling Connectivity

- ▶ Cabling standards
- ▶ Cable categories supporting 10GBASE-T, CAT6A & Cat 7A
- ▶ Screened vs unshielded cables
- ▶ High density patching
- ▶ Alien crosstalk
- ▶ Copper test requirements
- ▶ Design for growth management
- ▶ Channel connections
- ▶ Connection topologies
- ▶ Optical connectors, past and present
- ▶ Optical fibre management
- ▶ Types of optical cable
- ▶ Advantages/disadvantages of pre-terminating cables
- ▶ Optical component loss and link power budgets
- ▶ Application link loss
- ▶ Optical testing requirements
- ▶ Pre-terminated cabling

### Safety and Manageability

- ▶ Local codes and regulations
- ▶ Fire safety plan
- ▶ ASD and detection systems
- ▶ Fire suppression systems
- ▶ Fire safety cable requirements
- ▶ Security and access control

### Commission and Handover

- ▶ Benefits of commissioning
- ▶ Commission process and test sequence
- ▶ Handover process and training
- ▶ Lessons learned

## Professional Unit

### Power Review

- ▶ Power consumption trends
- ▶ Energy availability, security and cost
- ▶ Energy challenges facing the Data Centre

### Power Regulations

- ▶ Which regulations affect Data Centres?
- ▶ Environmental regulations and pressures
- ▶ Energy and environmental programs

### Power Basics

- ▶ Ohm's law, Joule's law, the Kirchhoff laws
- ▶ Electrical parameters
- ▶ AC and DC
- ▶ Single phase and three phase
- ▶ Residual currents
- ▶ Harmonics

### Power to the Data Centre

- ▶ Where does the electricity come from?
- ▶ Electrical supply options
- ▶ Transformers
- ▶ Surge suppression devices
- ▶ Costs of electrical power
- ▶ Types of tariff available
- ▶ Alternate power supply options

### Distribution in the Data Centre

- ▶ Electrical circuit requirements
- ▶ Switching devices
- ▶ Power factor correction units
- ▶ Automatic and Static transfer switches
- ▶ Main, feeder, sub-main circuits
- ▶ Power distribution units
- ▶ Remote power panels
- ▶ Final circuits
- ▶ Cable and fuse sizing
- ▶ Power distribution and associated losses
- ▶ TN-S systems
- ▶ Energy efficiency

### Standby Power

- ▶ UPS, components, batteries and redundant systems
- ▶ UPS options and considerations
- ▶ Static and maintenance bypasses
- ▶ Standby generators

### Cooling Review

- ▶ Data Centre limiting factors
- ▶ Sources of cooling inefficiencies
- ▶ Cooling trends

### Regulatory Climate

- ▶ Which regulations affect Data Centres?
- ▶ Environmental pressures
- ▶ Cooling efficiency
- ▶ Design considerations & planning redundancy
- ▶ Overview of Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD)
- ▶ Periodic review process

### Environmental Parameters

- ▶ Standards, NEBS, ETSI, ASHRAE
- ▶ Operating environment ranges
- ▶ Rate of change
- ▶ ASHRAE psychrometric charts
- ▶ Humidification systems
- ▶ The need for sensors
- ▶ Measuring and monitoring

### Collecting the Heat

- ▶ Cooling system overview
- ▶ CRACs and CRAHs
- ▶ Maximising existing investment
- ▶ Rack v row options
- ▶ Dynamics and problems of air flow
- ▶ Liquid cooling
- ▶ Comparison of high-density cooling
- ▶ Available cooling options

### Heat Rejection or Reuse

- ▶ Heat transfer considerations
- ▶ DX systems
- ▶ Chilled water CRAHs
- ▶ Chiller options
- ▶ Adiabatic cooling
- ▶ CWS and CHWS plant
- ▶ Design considerations
- ▶ Free cooling and free - air cooling
- ▶ Commissioning maintenance
- ▶ Planned preventative maintenance

### Energy Use Systems

- ▶ Energy efficiency issues
- ▶ Layers of inefficiency
- ▶ Power system provision
- ▶ Cooling system provision
- ▶ Understanding areas of improvement

### Data Centre Metrics

- ▶ Where and what can we measure?
- ▶ The metric stack
- ▶ Metric characteristics
- ▶ Current Industry metrics (PUE, CUE, WUE, ERE, RCI & RTI)
- ▶ Chained value metrics (CADE)
- ▶ Proxy metrics (FVER, DPPE, DCEP)

### Best Practices

- ▶ Effective v Efficient
- ▶ The DC language barrier
- ▶ The multi-functional team
- ▶ Design for efficiency, operability & flexibility
- ▶ Industry recognised best practices

### IT Infrastructure & Environmental

- ▶ Extending the operating envelope
- ▶ Environment zones
- ▶ Accurate IT calculations
- ▶ Energy use in the IT equipment
- ▶ Software and storage considerations
- ▶ Transformation options
- ▶ Energy efficient IT equipment

### Power Systems

- ▶ Energy use in the Data Centre
- ▶ DC power train
- ▶ Matching the support to the IT load
- ▶ Transformer efficiencies
- ▶ UPS & motor efficiencies
- ▶ DCIE for modular provisioning
- ▶ Maximising the power factor
- ▶ Measuring and monitoring
- ▶ Infrared inspections
- ▶ Planned electrical safety inspections
- ▶ Implementing Data Centre electrical efficiency

### Cooling Efficiency

- ▶ Cooling a cascade system
- ▶ Affinity laws and cooling equation
- ▶ CRAC and CRAH efficiencies
- ▶ Optimising air-side systems & water-side systems
- ▶ DCIE for cooling options
- ▶ Diagnostic and site specific monitoring
- ▶ Design considerations

### Efficiency Models

- ▶ Energy calculations
- ▶ Levels of modelling
- ▶ Modelling tools
- ▶ Sources of guidance

### Design Management

- ▶ Characteristics of project management
- ▶ Key project processes
- ▶ Identifying and engaging with key stakeholders
- ▶ Setting goals
- ▶ Prioritisation of activities
- ▶ Cornerstones of project management

### Managing the Design Process

- ▶ What is to be delivered?
- ▶ What constraints are there?
- ▶ Managing dependencies
- ▶ Managing the tribes
- ▶ Managing conflict
- ▶ Identifying risk
- ▶ Risk and issue management
- ▶ Change management
- ▶ Reporting and communication

### Managing the Design Implementation Process

- ▶ Project charter and specification
- ▶ Risk assessment and management
- ▶ Scope management
- ▶ Float and critical path
- ▶ Human resource management
- ▶ Project integration and work breakdown structure
- ▶ Time and cost management
- ▶ Handover and progressive acceptance

There are a number of group discussions and individual design exercises throughout this program.