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## Welcome to Certification Connection

Created exclusively for HIM certified professionals, each quarterly issue of *Certification Connection* contains information on professional development, industry news, continuing education, announcements, upcoming events, and other tools for your success. If you know a certified professional who should be receiving *Certification Connection*, please forward this newsletter to him or her to [subscribe](#).

## HIT-Pro Credentials Convert to AHIMA CHTS Credentials

The Commission on Certification for Health Informatics and Information Management (CCHIIM) has announced that, effective July 29, 2013, HIT-Pro exams convert to AHIMA Certified Healthcare Technology Specialist (CHTS) credentials. The table below summarizes the conversions.

HIT-Pro Name & Designation	AHIMA Credential Designation
HIT Pro-Clinician/Practitioner Consultant (HIT Pro-CP)	CHTS-CP
HIT Pro-Practice Workflow & Information Management Redesign Specialist (HIT Pro-PW)	CHTS-PW
HIT Pro-Implementation Manager (HIT Pro-IM)	CHTS-IM
HIT Pro-Implementation Support Specialist (HIT Pro-IS)	CHTS-IS
HIT Pro-Technical/Software Support Staff (HIT Pro-TS)	CHTS-TS
HIT Pro-Trainer (HIT Pro-TR)	CHTS-TR

[Learn more - click here.](#)

## Coding Self Reviews

AHIMA-certified coders must complete an annual coding self-review in order to maintain their credential. Self-reviews are available [online in the AHIMA Store](#). **If an AHIMA coding credential was earned in 2013, a self-review is not required until 2014.** Contact AHIMA at (800) 335-5535 with questions, or [submit a customer request](#).

## ICD-10 CEU Reminder

CCHIIM's recertification policy for ICD-10-CM/PCS is designed to help prepare AHIMA certified professionals for the ICD-10 implementation, and applies to AHIMA credential(s) as follows.

### ICD-10-CM/PCS CEU Requirements

- CHPS – 1 CEU
- CHDA – 6 CEUs
- RHIT – 6 CEUs
- RHIA – 6 CEUs
- CCS-P – 12 CEUs
- CDIP – 12 CEUs
- CCS – 18 CEUs
- CCA – 18 CEUs

CEUs can be recorded via the online CEU Center in the ICD-10 domain. These CEUs apply to ICD-10 recertification requirements; however, CEUs reported in other domains cannot be applied towards this requirement. [Learn more.](#)

### CCHIIM ICD-10 Exam Launch Timeline

- CCA – Late March 2014
- RHIA, RHIT, CCS, CCS-P – April 2014
- CDIP – July 2014
- CHPA & CHDA – January 2015

## Visit the CCHIIM Booth at AHIMA's Convention & Exhibit

Heading to Atlanta for AHIMA's [85th Annual Convention & Exhibit](#)? Be sure to visit the **CCHIIM booth (#743)**. AHIMA-credentialed professionals will receive a free gift to help you show your certified pride.

## Early Testing Available for RHIA and RHIT

AHIMA credentials distinguish professionals from peers and colleagues vying for the same position. Early testing for the RHIA and RHIT credentials offers candidates a significant competitive advantage immediately upon graduation and could make the difference in landing a job.

Through early testing, candidates can sit for the exam when they are best prepared—near the completion of their education. Students are more likely to perform better on their exam when they take it closer to graduation, than if testing occurs later.

Students in CAHIIM-accredited HIA or HIT programs who are enrolled in their final term of study are eligible to apply for and take their certification exam early. [Learn more](#) about eligibility and the advantages of early testing.

## Certification Quick Facts

As an AHIMA-certified professional, you are among a select group. **How select?** Following are pass rates for first-time takers of AHIMA certification exams in 2012 and total numbers of AHIMA-certified professionals, by credential.

2012 Exam	Number of First Time Test-Takers	Pass Rate of First Time Test-Takers
RHIA	831	76.5%
RHIT	2,888	75.5%
CCS	2,592	47.9%
CCS-P	480	57.9%
CCA	2,798	57.8%
CHPS	136	68.3%
CHDA	49	44.9%
CDIP	145	85.5%

### Total AHIMA-Certified Professionals as of December 31, 2012

Credential	Total Number
CCA	5,249
CCS	16,952
CCS-P	4,524
CHDA	116
CHPS	289
CHP	231
CHS	8
RHIA	14,954
RHIT	27,196
CDIP	327

## Are You "Engaged"?

AHIMA's new Engage Online Communities replaced AHIMA's Communities of Practice (CoP) last month. Within days of the launch, 1,343 participants logged in and 112 new users signed up.

Easier to use than the CoP, Engage features both private communities, open only to volunteer committee and AHIMA members, and public communities accessible to both AHIMA members and other HIM professionals. Public communities include:

- [Coding, Classification, and Reimbursement](#)
- [Confidentiality, Privacy, and Security](#)
- [Consumer Engagement, and Personal Health Information](#)
- [Health Informatics](#)
- [Health Information Technologies and Processes](#)
- [Healthcare Leadership and Innovation](#)
- [Information Governance and Standards](#)

Join the communities that interest you most. If you're a [member of AHIMA](#), consider joining the members-only [Certification Exam Prep community](#), where you can share ideas, study techniques, and encouragement with individuals preparing for AHIMA certification exams.

## Convention Previews

Get ready for AHIMA's 85th Convention & Exhibit, October 26-30 in Atlanta, GA, with pre-coverage on the [Journal of AHIMA website](#).

## Milestone Moment—AHIMA's 300th CDIP



Nancy Deliere, RN, CDIP, Charleston Area Medical Center, Memorial Division, in Charleston, WV

## Events

### October 23-25

[Certified in Healthcare Privacy and Security \(CHPS\) Exam Prep Workshop](#) (on-site registration available) Atlanta, GA

### October 26-27

[Clinical Coding Community Meeting](#) Atlanta, GA

### October 26-27

[Privacy and Security Institute](#) Atlanta, GA

### October 26-30

[85th AHIMA Convention and Exhibit](#) Atlanta, GA  
Twitter: [#AHIMA85th](#)

### November 4-6

[AHIMA Academy for ICD-10-CM/PCS: Building Expert Trainers for Diagnosis and Procedure Coding](#) Providence, RI

### November 11-12

[AHIMA Academy for ICD-10-CM: Building Expert Trainers for Diagnosis Coding](#) Chicago, IL

View a complete listing of all [AHIMA events](#) and [webinars](#).

## Featured on the AHIMA Career Assist: Job Bank

[Inpatient Coding Quality Review and Education Consultant \(Coding Audit\)](#)  
National Assignments

[Director, Medical Records](#)

Dubai, Other - Non US

[HIM Document Imaging Manager - PROFESSIONAL: HIM / CODING](#)

Las Vegas, NV

[Vice President, Revenue Cycle](#)

Madison, WI

[Medical Coder](#)

Pensacola, FL

View [more](#) available positions.

## Reap the Benefits of Membership

From access to the *Journal of AHIMA* to educational webinars and e-newsletters that deliver industry news and more to your e-mail inbox, AHIMA membership offers something everyone. Get 20 percent off the products and services you need to obtain required CEUs and savings on recertification fees. [Learn more.](#)

## Read the Fall Perspectives

Get the latest from AHIMA's online research journal, [Perspectives in Health Informatics and Information Management](#).

