

CSI: Helping Students Develop the Bridge to Professionalism



"The Construction Specifications Institute advances the process of creating and sustaining the built environment for the benefit of the construction community by using the diversity of its members to exchange knowledge."

Our mission statement answers two important questions:

WHY DOES CSI EXIST?

FOR WHOM DOES CSI EXIST?

CSI exists to advance the process of both creating and sustaining the built environment, constantly developing products and services along the lines of our core purpose. It exists for the benefit of the entire construction industry, all professionals and all sectors. CSI uses its greatest asset—the broad diversity of its membership—professionals from the

design, owner/facility manager, constructor and product manufacturing communities coming together to exchange knowledge. **As a student member,** you will find CSI instrumental in helping bridge the gap between the academic environment and the practice world. **As an instructor or administrator,** you will find CSI keeps you on the cutting edge of technology and practice development and provides resources to assist in course development in a variety of areas critical to a student's future.

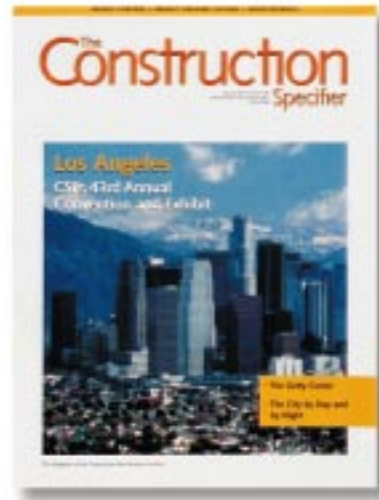
With the support of CSI, faculty can reinforce their institutions' ability to motivate, guide, develop and expand student horizons as they cross the bridge to their chosen profession.



The Institute's membership is defined as "those involved in the process of creating non-residential buildings and the written construction documents from which they are built."

CSI focuses on embracing professions concerned with the entire life-cycle of the built environment, including facility management, destruction and recycling, adaptive reuse, remodeling, and rehabilitation. New products and services of interest to members involved in these areas as well as those involved with the development of our infrastructure keeps CSI as a leader for the entire construction industry.

CSI's *The Construction Specifier*, the award-winning monthly magazine that features informative articles on a wide



range of commercial building construction technologies applications, and innovations. Regular columns keep readers up to date on key legal issues, trends, and new services and products. Membership includes an annual subscription to *The Specifier* and CSI's online communities, and *NewsDigest*.

Each year, CSI's annual convention and exhibit, a showcase of non-residential commercial building products and services is a prime example of the excellent networking and education opportunities the organization offers. The exhibit floor provides a firsthand look at thousands of new products and services and the chance to make contacts for future projects.



Personal computers, cellular technology and the internet have greatly transformed the way we live, work, and play. CSI is dedicated to students and recognizes today's students will be tomorrow's owners, designers, constructors, and suppliers. The employment market will be driven by the demand for qualified personnel capable of applying the latest technologies and speaking the languages of the construction practice.

Institutions of higher education across the country have recognized the impact of CSI and have derived a direct benefit from interaction with CSI chapters. In some instances this participation is limited to faculty members attending and speaking at the monthly chapter meetings. In others, CSI chapters and regions have provided scholarships, served as adjunct

instructors, conducted student design competitions, and provided CSI memberships and reference materials for school libraries. CSI's commitment begins at the local level and extends to involvement at the Institute committee level, providing opportunities for faculty members' speaking engagements and publication in *The Construction Specifier* magazine.

CSI offers four written education documents that serve as comprehensive instructional guidebooks for those involved in teaching specifications writing and project manual preparation at the undergraduate level—and for teaching professional development seminars. Professors, educators, and CSI chapters use this curriculum to teach the latest information on the most widely used industry practices for preparing construction documents. A number of schools and universities are utilizing CSI education courses and certification exams as part of their regular curriculum.

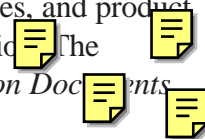


“The CDT program... integrates knowledge with creativity. When you achieve the right mix, there’s no limit to how high you can soar. It’s the cornerstone of the CSI education and certification programs.”

The Construction Documents Technology (CDT) education program and exam are the cornerstone of CSI’s education and certification efforts. The CDT program is taught at numerous undergraduate level programs around the country as a credit course. It is followed by an exam, which can be administered at any time convenient for the school or university. The

material focuses on CSI’s Project Resource Manual - CSI Manual of Practice and its Appendices and the exam measures the student’s knowledge and understanding of these documents as well as understanding and application of various industry recognized standard general and supplementary conditions. Successful completion of the exam allows students to utilize CDT after their names, and is an excellent way for them to demonstrate their basic understanding of the development and application of construction documents.

Building upon this CDT program are advanced education and certification programs, developed by CSI, to respond to our members’ need to stay on the cutting edge. Program emphasis includes technology development, specification writing practices and procedures, construction administration practices, and product representation. The Construction Documents





The Construction Specifications Institute

Technology (CDT), The Certified Construction Specifier (CCS), and the Certified Construction Contract Administrator (CCCA) Programs measurement objectives and understanding are as follows:

CDT

- Construction Process
- Contractual Relationships
- Construction Documents Organization

CCS

- Contractual Relationships
- Document Organization
- Document Preparation

CCCA

- Construction Contract Administration Procedures & Practices
- Pre-construction and Construction Activities
- Project Closeout

Top Ten Reasons To Get Certified

1. Maximize your professional credentials.
2. Earn industry-wide respect and recognition.
3. Optimize your competitive edge.
4. Enhance your knowledge and skills.
5. Boost your earnings potential.
6. Demonstrate your expertise.
7. Show your commitment to excellence.
8. Build your confidence ever higher.
9. Prepare for greater on-the-job responsibility.
10. Promote the highest standards for professional conduct.

