

Design



Certified Data Centre
Design Professional

BTEC Level 5
Professional Award



Certified Data Centre Design Professional (CDCDP®)

Program Overview

Create a comprehensive data centre design that supports the critical needs of the business, examining in-depth the key constraints of data centre functionality to deliver a balanced, efficient and sustainable solution.

The Certified Data Centre Design Professional (CDCDP®) program is proven to be an essential certification for individuals wishing to demonstrate their technical knowledge of data centre architecture and component operating conditions.

This five-day 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 operational support facilities. The program also addresses the importance of accurate interpretation of detailed customer requirements at the planning stage to ensure that the business needs remain focal to all decision making.

Learners will also explore the key elements of physical infrastructure, electrical distribution systems, air-conditioning, data cabling and building support systems. The program concludes with a comprehensive case study exercise that guides learners through the design steps from initiation to commission, covering the business decisions, design scope and implementation phases that need to be addressed throughout all aspects of the process.

A certified CDCDP® also considers the requirements for compliance, having a full understanding of national and international regulations, codes and standards. During the program, learners will be provided a valuable opportunity to access the latest industry standards.

Following this program, you are encouraged to continue your professional development by advancing your knowledge and skills to gain further official certifications and qualifications by progressing through The Global Digital Infrastructure Education Framework which maps education programs to career advancement throughout the network infrastructure and data centre sectors.

“ Excellent content. Excellent Instructor, always encouraged participation. Excellent material, well presented, great interaction.”

IT FACILITIES MANAGER

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5 DAY PROGRAM

Learner Profile

The program will prove beneficial for professionals already designing projects for implementation within a data centre facility, or those looking to advance into the data centre design from associated data centre technical or operational roles.

Pre-requisites

Experience of working within a data centre environment is essential; preferably with two years experience in a technical IT, operational or facilities role. If you would like to discuss your experience or suitability for this program please contact us.

Program Requirements

Learners are required to undertake pre-class study, which is fully supported by an experienced and dedicated online Tutor. Learners are also required to bring a webcam enabled laptop or suitable device with unrestricted wireless internet connectivity, the latest internet browser and suitable applications for reading/annotating PDFs and editing standard office documents.

Program Objectives

CDCDP® certified individuals will possess unrivalled knowledge, expertise and capability to deliver a comprehensive data centre design to meet on-going operational and business needs.

Program Duration

5 day class requiring pre-class study of approximately 20 hours.

Qualification

- ▶ Internationally and industry recognised BTEC Level 5 Professional Award Certified Data Centre Design Professional

Certification

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

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 an online learning management system.

Additional Awards

- ▶ Continual Professional Development (CPDs)
- ▶ 7 IEEE Continual Education Units (CEUs)

Certified Data Centre Design Professional (CDCDP®) Topics

CDCDP®

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 availability models (Uptime Tier, TIA 942-B Rating, BICSI Classes & Syska Hennessy Critical Levels)
- ▶ Recommendations for location, size, heights, floor loading, lighting and decor

Whitespace Floor

- ▶ 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, CO₂, 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 standards, 10GBASE-T, CAT6A, Cat 7A & Cat 8
- ▶ 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

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
- ▶ CRAHs and CRACHs
- ▶ 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

IT Infrastructure

- ▶ 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

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)

Efficiency Models & Best Practices

- ▶ Energy calculations
- ▶ Levels of modelling
- ▶ Modelling tools
- ▶ Sources of guidance
- ▶ Effective v Efficient
- ▶ The DC language barrier
- ▶ The multi-functional team
- ▶ Design for efficiency, operability & flexibility
- ▶ Industry recognised best practices

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.