

Certified Digital Health Program

Developed for Digital Health Professionals,
Leaders, and Executives Serving in Digital Health

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History of Certification Programs

Established in 1992, the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME) was created out of a need to bring education and resources to healthcare Chief Information Officers. Since the beginning, CHIME has expanded its reach to nearly all healthcare professionals serving in healthcare technology, security, and more. In 2009, CHIME launched the first CHIME exclusive certification for healthcare CIOs., the Certified Healthcare CIO (CHCIO). It was created by healthcare CIOs to test the skills and experience of healthcare IT executives and recognize them for their expert knowledge and leadership in this area.

With the growing success of the CHCIO program, CHIME expanded its borders to develop a similar certification program for CHIME international members in 2016. One year later, a new designation, the CHIME Foundation Certified Healthcare Executive (CFCHE), was born. This developed as a result of the expressed desire within the CHIME Foundation partners who deliver products and services to provider members. From there, CHIME certifications continued to expand globally (German CHCIO Program in 2019 and UK CHCIO Program in 2020) as well as skill-based (Certified Healthcare Information Security Leaders, CHISL).

As CHIMEU launched to provide exceptional educational opportunities to all healthcare professionals beyond CHIME membership, providing a metric of success through certification was critical. The Certified Digital Health (CDH) Program not only allows all types of healthcare professionals to become certified in digital health but is uniquely crafted to grow with the professional throughout their career through three levels (professional, leader, and executive).

Purpose and Value of CDH Certification

The Certified Digital Health (CDH) Program was created out of a need to recognize healthcare industry leaders (and aspiring leaders) for their talent, commitment, and experience, and to lead them in a continual professional development journey.

CDH serves a wide range of professionals seeking a lifelong credential in the digital health space. This program is uniquely designed to grow with each CDH credential holder as they move further in their career.

CDH fills a gap in the health IT industry and allows all health-related professionals to test their skills and become certified in digital health.

Distinguish Yourself From Your Peers

The Certified Digital Healthcare (CDH) program recognizes healthcare industry leaders and aspiring professionals for their knowledge, experience, and commitment to digital health. By earning this designation, individuals demonstrate their ability to be professionals and discern and guide the design, development, and implementation of digital and healthcare information technologies and systems in public health and healthcare delivery. The CDH program demonstrates individual leadership and teamwork competence which enables personal advancement and organizational improvement. With three distinct levels, this program is uniquely designed to grow with each CDH credential holder as they move further in their career.

Relevant educational experience is focused on:

- Digital healthcare knowledge and transformation
- IT management and governance in a healthcare organization
- Leadership, communication, interpersonal skills, and problem-solving
- Specific technologies, applications, and current regulatory issues

Professional Level Checklist

This program is designed to test your knowledge in the professional digital health space and showcase your foundational level of understanding throughout your career journey.

To Become Certified, You Must Complete the Following:

- Registration for the CDH-P Program Enrollment (Application and Program fee)
- Fulfill one of the following eligibility requirements:
 - One-year minimum in a healthcare occupation
 - Digital Health Professional Certificate through CHIMEU
 - Healthcare-related graduate degree
- Self-paced study for the examination (Included in the Program Fee)
- Pass the CDH-P Exam
- Attest to uphold the CDH Professional Standards of Conduct
- Healthcare-related graduate degree
- Complete 10 qualifying continuing education units (CEUs)

The CDH Professional Examination Blueprint

The CDH Professional Examination Blueprint represents the areas you will be tested on along with the percentage of the items represented on the actual examination.

Domain	Knowledge and Skills	% on Exam
1	Healthcare Management and Processes	35%
2	Healthcare Technology	25%
3	Partnerships and Personnel	20%
4	Foundations of Healthcare	20%

*A sample exam and reference materials are included in the program enrollment

Leader Level Checklist

This program is designed to test your knowledge in the professional leader digital health space and showcase your foundational level of understanding throughout your career journey.

To Become Certified, You Must Complete the Following:

- Registration for the CDH-L Program (Application and Program fee)
- Fulfill one of the following eligibility requirements:
 - One - three years' of qualified leadership experience
 - CHIME/AEHIA/AEHIS/AEHIT membership
 - CHIME Boot Camp or Leadership Academy
- Self-paced study for the examination (Included in the Program Fee)
- Pass the CDH Leader Exam
- Attest to uphold the CDH Professional Standards of Conduct
- Complete 10 qualifying continuing education units (CEUs)

The CDH Leader Examination Blueprint

The CDH Leader Examination Blueprint represents the areas you will be tested on along with the percentage of the items represented on the actual examination.

Domain	Knowledge and Skills	% on Exam
1	Organizational Vision and Strategy	18-20%
2	Technology Management	15-17%
3	Change Management	13-15%
4	Value Assessment and Management	8-10%
5	Service Management	10-12%
6	Talent Management	12-14%
7	Relationship Management	16-18%

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Executive Level Checklist

To Become Certified, You Must Complete the Following:

- Registration for the CDH-E Program (Application and Program fee)
- Fulfill one of the following eligibility requirements:
 - 3 years' of healthcare executive experience (OR)
 - CHCIO/CFCHE/CHISL Status
- Self-paced study for the examination (Included in the Program Fee)
- Pass the CDH Executive Exam
- Attest to uphold the CDH Professional Standards of Conduct
- Complete 10 qualifying continuing education units (CEUs)

The CDH Executive Examination Blueprint

The CDH Executive Examination Blueprint represents the areas you will be tested on along with the percentage of the items represented on the actual examination.

Domain Knowledge and Skills	% on Exam
1 Healthcare Vision and Strategy	18-20%
2 Healthcare Information Management/IT Governance	10-12%
3 Technical Proficiency	15-17%
4 Change Management	13-15%
5 Value Assessment and Management	8-10%
6 Hospital and Healthcare Expertise	12-14%
7 Relationship and Talent Management	16-18%

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CDH Program Enrollment Process

Complete Enrollment

- Program Registration
- Application
- Approved Application will unlock access to study materials

Prepare for Examination

- Program study materials include:
- CDH Exam Level Blueprint (Outline of exam content)
- CDH Reading Materials (Sources questions were derived from)
- Sample Exam (Short samples to test knowledge and feel for the actual exam)
- Gap Assessment (Self-assessment of your abilities and strengths)

Exam Expectations

- Contains 125 multiple-choice items
- Given 2 ½ hours to complete the exam
- No materials/note-taking permitted
- Remote (Online exam)
- Results within 2 weeks

Certification Maintenance

Initial Certification:

- Application Complete
- Pass Examination
- 10 CEUs (earned within 12 months prior to enrollment date to current date)
- Enrollment fee

Certification Renewal:

- 45 CEUs every 3 years
- Minimum of half (22.5) coming from CHIMEU education
- Renewal fee