



## CERTIFIED DATA CENTRE EXPERT

### Introduction

With few exceptions, enterprises today rely on IT for the delivery of business-critical services - often directly to the end consumer. It is therefore vital that the mission-critical data centre is designed, maintained and operated with high-availability and efficiency in mind. However, the fact is most data centres do not meet the full availability, capacity, safety or efficiency requirements that are often demanded. The ever-changing technologies put even more pressure on data centre managers along with the faster pace at which these changes are required.

The Certified Data Centre Expert course is a five-day course designed to prepare participants to analyse a given business case, perform technical evaluation of a project plan and a set of designs for the implementation of a mission-critical data centre. The course also engages participants in product evaluations and demonstrates how to select equipment, develop equipment test scripts (IET) and integrated performance and validation testing (IPVT). CDCE® builds upon knowledge gained in CDCP® and CDCS® courses. Participants who pass the exam will join the industry's elite data centre project design experts.

### Roadmap



### Audience

The primary audience for this course is any IT, facilities or data centre professional, who are involved in the design/build, renovation or relocation of a mission-critical data centre.

### Prerequisites

Participants must hold a valid CDCS® certificate in order to register for the CDCE® class.

### Global Accreditation & Recognition



### Course Benefits

- After completion of the course the participant will be able to:
- Choose an optimum site for mission-critical data centres based on current and future needs.
  - Describe all components important for high-availability in a data centre and how to effectively setup the data centre.
  - Understand the design lifecycle stages for data centre build projects and the phases involved in project execution.
  - Analyse a business case and develop a project brief that is aimed at fulfilling the business resilience, site selection and design requirements for a fit-for-purpose and suitably redundant mission-critical data centre.
  - Conduct technical level design reviews for a given set of preliminary design documents and perform a technical compliance audit of a set of final design development documents compliant to TIA standards.
  - Understand how to read electrical Single Line Diagrams (SLD) and other related design documents, and be able to detect the most common design mistakes.
  - Evaluate product datasheets and discriminate amongst technical specifications and functional requirements for suitability against a set of given design requirements for a given site and business case.
  - Correlate equipment specifications to site design constraints, such as room size and space, floor loading capacity, cooling capacity, power quality conditions and maintenance requirements while ensuring equipment selection does not compromise desired tier level compliance.
  - Develop Individual Equipment Test (IET) and Integrated Performance Validation Test (IPVT) plans for a mission-critical data centre.
  - Develop guidelines and checklists for handover of a mission-critical data centre facility, its architectural, mechanical, electrical, IT elements and documentation.
  - Develop retirement plans for decommissioning and hand-over of an aged mission-critical data centre facility.

- **Module 1**  
**Data Centre Life Cycle**
  - Data centre lifecycle stages and phases
  - Exercise: Stage/Phase/Milestone/Document mapping
- **Module 2**  
**Design Preparation**
  - Creation of a SON – Statement Of Need
  - Technology review
  - Conceptual sizing
  - How to calculate for computer room space
  - How to calculate facility space
  - How to calculate incoming power
  - Exercise: Conceptual sizing building and power
  
  - Analysing capacity of existing facility
  - Analysing investment options
  - Site selection
  - Permits and approvals
  - Exercise: Site selection
  
  - Conceptual design
  - Budget and project timeline
  - Business case preparation
  - Project delivery structure
  - Project management options
  - Project manager and team
- **Module 3**  
**Design Planning**
  - OSRA – Operational Systems Requirement Analysis
  - TFRA – Technical Facilities Requirement Analysis
  - Operations and maintenance review
  - RFP – Request For Proposal process
  - Vendor selection
- **Module 4**  
**Design Development**
  - Project planning
  - Design development
  - PDR – Preliminary Design Review
  - Equipment selection
  - FDR/V – Final Design Review/Validation
  - Exercise: Full design validation of power, cooling, floor plans, fire suppression
  - Design freeze and LLTI
  - Creation of construction documents
  - BOM/BOQ – Bill Of Material/Bill Of Quantity
  - Exercise: Equipment selection
- **Module 5**  
**Acquire**
  - Requirements of purchase orders
  - Shipping terms
  - FWT/FAT – Factory Witness Test/Factory Acceptance Test
  - Sequencing
  - Incoming goods inspection and handling
  - Asset management
- **Module 6**  
**Construct**
  - Temporary essential services
  - Erection of the building
  - Permanent essential services
  - Building inspection
  - Snag list
  - COF – Certificate Of Fitness
- **Module 7**  
**Fit-Out**
  - Fit-Out
  - Builders cleaning
  - As-Built Drawings
- **Module 8**  
**Test & Commissioning**
  - IET – Individual Equipment Test
  - IPVT/IST – Integrated Performance Verification Test/Integrated Systems Test
  - Common mistakes with IET/IPVT
  - Deep cleaning
  - Exercise: IET/IPVT scripting
- **Module 9**  
**Hand-Over**
  - Facility hand-over requirements and documents
  - PCC – Practical Completion Certificate
  - DLP – Defect Liability Period
  - Defect Management
  - ICT Systems Installation
  - ICT Systems Testing
  - Hand-Over/DLP Expiry
  - FCC – Final Completion Certificate
- **Module 10**  
**Retirement**
  - Reasons and definitions of retirement
  - Building the business case and project plan
  - Sequencing
  - Transfer of site
  - Demolishing of site
  - Legal matters
  - FCC – Final Completion Certificate
- **EXAM: Certified Data Centre Expert**



## Delivery Structure and Methods

The CDCE® course is lectured by an EPI Certified Instructor using a combination of lectures and question-and-answer sessions to discuss participants' specific needs and challenges experienced in their own data centre environments. Participants are able to tap into the extensive experience of the trainer enabling them to validate and improve their own environments thus adding tremendous business value. The CDCE® course is approximately 60% hands-on and 40% lecture.

CDCE® course is available in the following delivery methods:

- ILT – Instructor Led Training
- VILT – Virtual ILT

The classes are available on public schedule as well as private group training.

## Certification

Candidates who successfully pass the exam will receive the official 'Certified Data Centre Expert' certificate. The certification is valid for three years after which the student needs to re-certify. More information is available on the EPI corporate website at [www.epi-ap.com](http://www.epi-ap.com).

## Global Accreditation & Recognition

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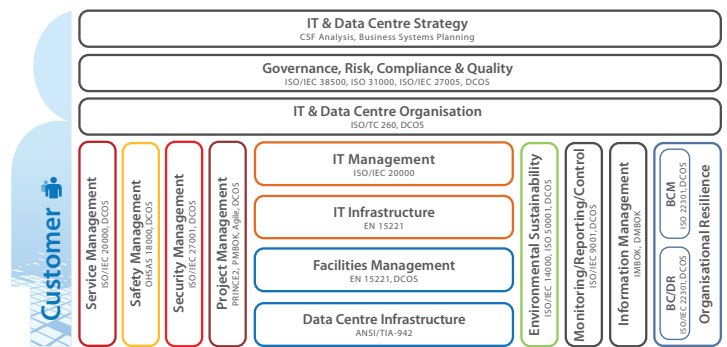
## Recommended Next Course

To further extend your skills in the data centre design arena, we recommend the CDFOM® course. CDFOM® builds upon knowledge gained in CDCP/CDCS/CDCE®. It addresses the operational aspects of running a data centre. CDFOM® is an essential course for those who are expected to manage the daily operations of a mission critical data centre. For full course outlines of this and other courses, visit the EPI corporate website [www.epi-ap.com](http://www.epi-ap.com).

## Course Schedule

Our courses are available in over 60 countries across all continents. For a comprehensive course schedule, visit the EPI corporate website at [www.epi-ap.com](http://www.epi-ap.com) or contact your local authorised reseller/partner.

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