CDI Certified Color Designer Exam Application

Thank you for your interest in becoming a CDI Certified Color Designer. Listed below are the requirements and procedures for taking the Exam.

Requirements Prior to Taking the Exam: **Must be a member of CDI.**

1. Has taken Suzanne Caygill based Intermediate to Advanced Color and Style Design education and has shown proficiency in the subject matter. ColorINSIGHT, Appearance Design, Style Core, and Color Institute International are approved educational sources. Please Contact CDI for education approval outside of these sources.

2. Is actively practicing Color Analysis as part of your business.

3. Submit your business website (on the attached form).

4. Submit a professional headshot (on the attached form).

5. Submit 2 completed palettes that include:

   • Photo of your client's face in good lighting with minimal makeup and neutral background.

   • Close-up photo of your client's eye

   • Photo of your client holding your palette next to his/her face

   • Photo of the client's fan or palette laid out in good lighting.

   • Photo of the back of the client's fan showing the palette/stick numbers
     OR a document/order form listing the numbers of each paddle/stick.

   • Short document on your letterhead with your client's season and/or sub-season or description. Also an explanation why you awarded that season to your client. (Additional photos and explanations are welcome, but not required)

Upon Acceptance of Application:

You will be contacted by a CDI Color Designer who will review your submitted palettes, coach you on any improvements to successfully pass the practical palette making portion of the Exam. At this time, you can submit the application fee ($250), purchase a study guide ($50), and schedule your Exam time.

You will be responsible for:
• Knowing all material in the study guide
• Performing a 16-category Color Palette Analysis with a live model (3 hours allotted).

Upcoming CDI Certified Color Designer Exam: at the CDI Global Conference in San Mateo, CA

• CDI Written Exam – October 20, 11am – 2pm, Marriot, San Mateo

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Name: _____

Address: _____

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Phone: _____ Email: _____

Business Name: _____

Business Website: _____

Color and Style Design Education Institution(s):

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Please email this form along with:

1. Your headshot.

2. Two (2) palette examples of your work. (A sample of a palette photo submission is included.)
   Each example should include:

   • Photo of your client's face in good lighting with minimal makeup and neutral background.

   • Close-up photo of your client's eye.

   • Photo of your client holding your palette up next to his/her face.

   • Photo of the client's fan or palette laid out in good lighting.

   • Photo of the back of the client's fan showing the palette/sticks numbers
     OR - a document or order form listing the numbers of each paddle/stick.

   • Short document on your letterhead with your client's season and/or sub-season or
     description. Also, an explanation as to why you awarded that season to your client.
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