

CREDENTIALS + CERTIFICATIONS GUIDE



DHI's credential and certification program is recognized throughout the door and hardware industry and within the architectural design community as hallmarks of technical expertise in all aspects of life safety and security involving doors and hardware, developed over the 75 years of its legacy.

These marks of excellence attest to the high principles of the holders of these credentials and certifications to professionally provide sound technical advice and counsel to architects, contractors, and building owners, and, with some of the certifications, provide specification writing or consulting services.

They have demonstrated their incomparable understanding of door, frame, hardware, and electronic access control products and their applications, as well as myriad applicable building codes and product standards, by successfully completing rigorous examinations for these credentials and certifications. They have prepared for the exams with countless hours of both formal study and real life experiences gained over years of honing their knowledge and skills to ensure the security and safety of countless buildings and their occupants.

DHI'S LEGACY CERTIFICATIONS



AHC Architectural Hardware Consultant

Established in 1940, the AHC—Architectural Hardware Consultant—has advanced mechanical and electrified hardware product and code application knowledge and expertise,

with an intermediate level of knowledge of doors and frames, along with the skills proficient to detail, estimate and project manage large and complex projects and existing facility renovations. They are proficient to write or edit CSI format specifications for mechanical and electrified hardware. They are trained to recognize builders' hardware requirements for door openings in all types of public, commercial, industrial and institutional buildings. AHCs coordinate thousands of hardware products and options to ensure door openings are in compliance with fire, life safety, accessibility and building code requirements and that they function properly throughout the life of the building.



AOC Architectural Opening Consultant

AOC—Architectural Opening Consultants—are individuals who have attained AHC, CDC and EHC professional certifications. AOCs have mastered all facets of the commercial door and

hardware industry and exemplify the highest standards of expertise and professionalism.



CDC Certified Door Consultant

Established in 1980, the CDC—Certified Door Consultant—has advanced door and frame product and code application knowledge and expertise, and skills proficient to detail

and estimate doors and frames for large and complex projects and existing facility renovations. They are trained in the construction and application of standard and custom steel doors and frames, architectural wood doors and aluminum doors and frames. They are proficient to write or edit CSI format specifications for doors and frames. CDCs must master myriad fire, life safety, accessibility and building code requirements for all types of buildings.



EHC Electrified Hardware Consultant

Established in 2005 the EHC—Electrified Hardware Consultant—has advanced mechanical and electrified hardware product and code application knowledge and expertise, with an understanding of electronic

access control systems. They specialize in the coordination of architectural door openings with the increased security needs of public buildings in today's society. EHCs are experts at interfacing electrified architectural hardware products into access control monitoring and fire alarm systems, while maintaining compliance with fire, life safety, accessibility and building code requirements.

DHI'S NEXT EVOLUTION CREDENTIALS + CERTIFICATIONS

The changing dynamics of the building construction environment, as well as the door and hardware industry, and the evolving needs of our members and stakeholders of the construction community, prompted the development of the next evolution of DHI's credentials and certification program. In 2017, a new multi-tiered program focused on delineating recognition of technical expertise by function, rather than product specialization, will launch. This new program is based on earning credentials and certifications by demonstrating varying levels of knowledge and skills on all door, frame, hardware, and electronic access control products, at varying stages of one's education, work experience, and career.



DHT Door + Hardware Technician

This credential is earned by demonstrating the competence to provide product and code application, detailing, estimating, and project management skills on projects with an intermediate level of complexity of occupancy type. This is the first level of technical credential earned for technical competence to assist contractors and building owners with basic construction project issues.



DHC Door + Hardware Consultant

This certified consultant has advanced product and code application knowledge and expertise, and skills proficient to detail, estimate and project manage large and complex projects and existing facility renovations. They are qualified to provide technical consultation to architects, contractors and building owners on the most complex building projects, but do not provide specification writing services.



DHSC Door + Hardware Specification Consultant

This certified consultant has advanced product and code application knowledge and expertise, but differs from the DHC certification in that the focused skills are proficiency to write or edit CSI format specifications for doors, frames, hardware and electrified hardware systems for large and complex construction projects and existing facility renovations.



ACSC Access Control System Consultant

This certified consultant has advanced product and code application knowledge and expertise, but has specialized skills proficient to design, specify, and oversee installation of electronic access control systems, as well as supply doors and hardware, and provide trade coordination of EAC systems on larger projects.



FDAI Fire + Egress Door Assembly Inspector

Fire + Egress Door Assembly Inspectors are credentialed individuals who have been trained to visually inspect and perform operational testing of fire and egress door assemblies in accordance with NFPA 80, *Standard for Fire Doors and Other Opening Protectives*, and NFPA 101, *Life Safety Code*®. They possess an intermediate level of understanding of door, frame, and hardware products and applications and applicable code familiarity to conduct inspections. In addition to performing inspections, they create authorized inspection reports for building owners and can recommend corrective actions necessary for compliance with NFPA 80 and NFPA 101 inspection requirements.

For additional information, please contact DHI at 703.222.2010 or go online to www.dhi.org.