

Who qualifies for enrollment into CHT?

Because individual backgrounds vary widely in the hospitality industry, applicants may pursue the CHT® designation through one of three options: Plan A emphasizes an education background; Plan B emphasizes industry experience; and Plan C emphasizes early entry. All plans require current full-time employment in the qualifying position* as well as documented evidence of managerial experience and successful completion of a comprehensive examination.

Plan A Eligibility -- Education Emphasis

At least a 2-year degree from an accredited institution or successful completion of the Educational Institute's five course Management Specialization program.

- Current full-time employment in a CHT® qualifying position* with at least 1 year of full-time experience in one or more such positions.

Plan B Eligibility -- Experience Emphasis

- Current employment in a CHT® qualifying position* with at least two years of full-time experience in one or more such positions.

Plan C Eligibility -- Early Entry

Plan C requires a candidate to hold a qualifying position at the time of application. Plan C does not have an education requirement, but a degree will reduce the length of time you are required to spend in a qualifying position.

Through Plan C you can begin working on your CHT® designation and demonstrating your commitment to professional development the first day on the job. Plan C enables you to take the CHT® certification test up to three times so you can gauge your progress and knowledge against an industry proven standard. You no longer need to wait to see if you meet the benchmark of industry quality. You can prove it, and pursue a strong professional development regimen. This plan will allow individuals who are in qualifying positions to pursue their certification even if they are lacking in experience.

A Plan C candidate who is in a qualifying position:

- May sit for the examination BEFORE meeting the experience requirement.
- May take the examination up to 3 times.
- May sit for the examination while in the process of completing a degree.
- Will be required to submit documentation of employment at the time the experience requirement is met.

*Qualifications: property-level training executive or director, department head at a lodging hospitality company.