



Final CDMS Exam Content Outline

Descriptive Statistics of Domain Weights:

Domain	Weight (%)
Disability and Work Interruption Case Management	38
Workplace Intervention for Disability Prevention	25
Program Development, Management, and Evaluation	20
Employment Leaves and Benefits Administration	17

DOMAIN 1: Disability and Work Interruption Case Management

- A. Perform comprehensive individual case analyses with consideration to applicable benefits
 - 1. The impact of illnesses and injuries to functional capacity
 - 2. The impact of mental health conditions to functional capacity
 - 3. The impact of comorbid conditions to functional capacity
- B. Review and assess product services and strategies to ensure quality care, recovery, and cost effectiveness
- C. Utilize effective communication strategies to facilitate collaboration among stakeholders (e.g., conflict resolution, negotiation)
- D. Demonstrate multi-cultural competency and address personal bias
- E. Conduct worksite/job analyses
 - 1. Best practices for documenting findings
 - 2. Essential functions, modifications, and accommodations
- F. Develop individualized worker retention plans (e.g. stay-at-work, return-to-work, transitional work)
- G. Leverage benefits, services, and community resources to facilitate optimal functioning (e.g., treating physician, independent clinical evaluations, expert medical opinion)
- H. Assess case progress and facilitate change throughout the continuum of care
- I. Disseminate and manage information in compliance with standard practice and regulations.
 - 1. Case documentation best practices (e.g., case notes, status reports)
 - 2. Privacy and confidentiality requirements (e.g., HIPAA, informed consent, release of information)
- J. Analyze recommended products and services to maximize return on investment

DOMAIN 2: Workplace Interventions

- A. Demonstrate compliance with local, state, and federal regulations (e.g., OSHA, ADAAA)
- B. Develop an interactive process to optimize employee functioning in the workplace or vocational rehabilitation options
- C. Recommend individual and workplace strategies to address ergonomic, safety, and accessibility needs
- D. Incorporate health risk factors and prevention strategies to mitigate loss
- E. Leverage health and wellness resources to support employees, the organization, and their communities.

DOMAIN 3: Program Development, Management, and Evaluation

- A. Establish disability management program goals by assessing organizational needs and incorporating best practices.
- B. Advocate for change in organizational behavior/culture in order to support disability management program goals.
- C. Collaborate in the design, implementation, and evaluation of a sustainable disability management program.
- D. Provide education and training consistent with disability management program goals and compliance
- E. Determine performance metrics to evaluate disability management program effectiveness and support improvement (e.g., trends, return on investment)
- F. Integrate internal and external services/partners to align with disability management program goals
- G. Utilize technology to influence disability management outcomes (e.g., telemedicine, web-based portals, electronic health record)
- H. Utilize strategies to support an inclusive and diverse workforce (e.g., employee resource groups, cultural sensitivity training)
- I. Leverage benefit plans and other services to optimize the health and productivity of employees

DOMAIN 4: Employment Leaves and Benefits Administration

- A. Identify elements of employer leave and benefit plans and their interface with local, state, and federal regulations
 - 1. Income protection plans (e.g., Short and long term disability, Workers' comp, Paid family care)
 - 2. Job protection plans (e.g., FMLA, Military leave)
 - 3. Healthcare benefit continuation plans (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid)
 - 4. Collective bargaining agreements (e.g., Union)
- B. Identify how the relationship between employment leaves and work interruptions influences individual or organizational productivity
- C. Communicate essential elements of benefits and employment policies to employees, managers, and other stakeholders