

# Do Over: Preparing for a Certification Retest



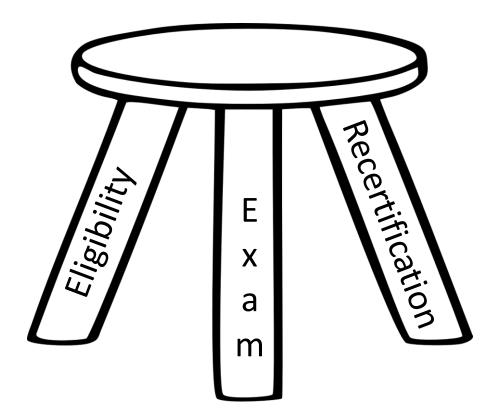
Elevating the Talent Development Profession

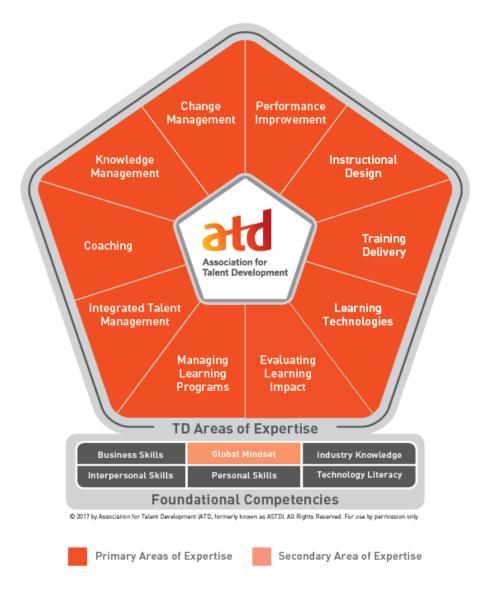


# Today's Agenda

- Certification Basics
- How to Stay Motivated
- Overcoming Doubts
- Preparation Tips
- Dealing with Test Anxiety
- Advice for Candidates
- Q&A

#### Understanding Certification: 3 Legs of the Certification Stool





ATD CI credentials are based on the ATD Competency Model <u>www.td.org/compmodel</u>

#### The ATD Competency Model

- defines the latest competencies needed for success across the entire TD industry.
- provides a professional development roadmap for TD leaders and practitioners.
- provides the opportunity to align individual and organizational goals against an industry standard backed by research and forwardthinking

## **ATD Credentials**





The Associate Professional in Talent Development (APTD) is for talent development professionals who are in the early part of their careers or whose roles and aspirations are focused on a few areas of expertise.

The Certified Professional in Learning and Performance (CPLP) is for talent development professionals with significant knowledge and experience who want to distinguish themselves in the field.

- You spend at least 50% of your time devoted to talent development activities
- □ You have at least 3 years of experience
- 3 primary AOEs in ATD Competency Model: Instructional Design, Training Delivery, Learning Technologies
- Earning the APTD will allow you to test out of 3 areas of expertise on the CPLP exam should you decide to pursue it in the future

- □ You spend 100% of your time devoted to talent development activities
- □ 5+ years of related education/experience
- All 10 AOEs in ATD Competency Model: Instructional Design, Training Delivery, Learning Technologies, Evaluating Learning Impact, Managing Learning Programs, Integrated Talent Management, Coaching, Knowledge Management, Change Management, Performance Improvement



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Eligibility	Minimum 3 years of at least 50% experience in TD	Minimum 5 years of full-time experience in TD	
AOEs Covered	3 primary AOEs	All 10 AOEs	
Type of Exam	Primarily Knowledge	Knowledge & Skills	
Certification Process	1 Knowledge Exam	1 Knowledge Exam + 1 Skills Application Exam	
Recertification	Every 3 years / 40 credits	Every 3 years / 60 credits	
Cost	\$400 ATD Member \$600 Non-member	\$900 ATD Member \$1250 Non-member	

#### Meet Our Panelists

- Marla Albertie
- Kelly Bair
- Denise Hicken
- Laura Lowden









# Staying Motivated

- Had a short "pity party"
- Reschedule quickly for realistic time frame
- Maintain momentum stay in study mode
- Adversity can be motivating
- Focus on your "why"



# **Overcoming Doubts**

- Give yourself some grace
- Study how others approached failure
- Review your strengths & weaknesses
- Reflect on what worked and what didn't
- Create a plan



## **Preparation Tips**

- Review questions that gave you pause
- Weekly themes based on categories
- Retake practice test
- Note cards!
- Be able to explain it
- Talk through it

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# **Dealing with Test Anxiety**

- Arrive early on day of the exam
- Eat something
- Don't second guess
- Don't rush
  - Slow & steady pace
- You don't need 100%
- Breathe



## Advice for Retesters

- View first exam as a practice run
- You're at an advantage the 2<sup>nd</sup> time
- Focus on weaker areas, refresh on others
- During test, eliminate choices
- Flag tough questions



## Was it Worth It?

- Gained knowledge and insight
- Improved my confidence at work
- Met new people and increased my network
- Got a new position
- Access to new opportunities

#### **Competency Model Changes**

- Revised competency model developed this year
- New material will be known mid-December
- Exams for new model expected mid-2020
- Old exams in force through July 2020



#### **Questions for Panelists?**

- Please chat out your questions
- Indicate if it is intended for a specific person



## Upcoming CPLP Exams

Knowledge Exam Registration Deadline	2019 & 2020 Testing Windows		
November 6, 2019	December 4-20, 2019		
December 8, 2019	January 8-29, 2020		
February 4, 2020	March 4-25, 2020		
April 6, 2020	May 6-27, 2020		
Skills Application Exam Registration Deadline	2019 & 2020 Testing Windows		
January 5, 2020	February 5-26, 2020		
March 1, 2020	April 1-22, 2020		
May 3, 2020	June 3-24, 2020		

#### **APTD Exams**

APTD Exam Registration Deadline	2019 Testing Windows	
November 29, 2019	November 6-December 20, 2019	
January 5, 2020	February 5-26, 2020	
March 1, 2020	April 1-22, 2020	
May 3, 2020	June 3-24, 2020	

#### Resources

- Webcasts
  - Preparing for the CPLP
  - Preparing for APTD
  - SAE Preparation
- Active candidates page
  - Includes instructions for practice tests
  - Study plan templates
- APTD: <u>www.linkedin.com/groups/8660635</u>

CPLP: <u>www.linkedin.com/groups/8664160</u>

## Next Steps

- Focus on your "why"
- Schedule your retest
  - Wendy Luikart at <u>wluikart@td.org</u>
- Create a study plan
- Don't give up!

Any questions?

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Call us!





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