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The CCFT examination tests the proficiency of an experienced trainer’s skill and knowledge across a broad range of CrossFit and fitness-related topics. The CCFT Study Material is based on the Content Outline and provides a Reference List that will help prepare candidates for the exam.

**Using the Content Outline**

The Certified CrossFit Trainer examination conforms to a Content Outline based on a formal practice analysis of CrossFit Trainers.

There are six domains that make up the Content Outline:

1. Screening and Ongoing Assessment
2. Programming
3. Teaching
4. Coaching
5. Nutrition and Lifestyle
6. Class Management and Professional Responsibilities

Each domain has tasks (or functions) within it that are required of an effective trainer. Each task has abilities (or skills) needed to accomplish that task, and knowledge required to demonstrate that ability. The Content Outline can serve as a guide in preparation for the exam. Candidates can assess their readiness for the exam by evaluating:

- their ability to demonstrate the skills in their regular coaching practice; and
- their knowledge relative to that which is listed.

**Using the Reference List**

The Study Material Reference List is organized with the core Training Guides at the beginning followed by the remaining entries in alphabetical order and grouped by Primary Domain. Each entry is followed by applicable exam domains. In many cases, a single reference covers multiple domains. The Primary Domain indicates the exam domain where the material is most relevant.

For example, consider the following reference:

**Fundamentals, Virtuosity, and Mastery An open Letter to CrossFit Trainers. (PDF)**
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This article is listed under the grouping **Primary Domain: TEACHING (D3)**, therefore, it is most relevant to domain D3 (D3). However, it contains information that applies to the four domains listed:

- Screening and Ongoing Assessment/Domain 1 **D1**
- Programming/Domain 2 **D2**
- Teaching/Domain 3 **D3**
- Coaching/Domain 4 **D4**

**DOMAIN KEY**

- **D1** Screening and Ongoing Assessment
- **D2** Programming
- **D3** Teaching
- **D4** Coaching
- **D5** Nutrition and Lifestyle
- **D6** Class Management and Professional Responsibilities
ALL DOMAINS

CrossFit Kids Training Guide & Workbook

CrossFit Level 1 Training Guide
https://journal.crossfit.com/article/training-guide-compiled

CrossFit Level 2 Training Guide & Workbook

CrossFit Masters Training Guide & Workbook

Primary Domain: SCREENING AND ONGOING ASSESSMENT (D1)

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The Mind Game. (PDF) Shrago S. 2010 (March)
D1 D4

Why use a training log? (PDF) Harrison G. 2011 (July)
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Primary Domain: PROGRAMMING (D2)

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A Theoretical Template For CrossFit’s Programming. (PDF) Glassman G. 2003 (Feb.)
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