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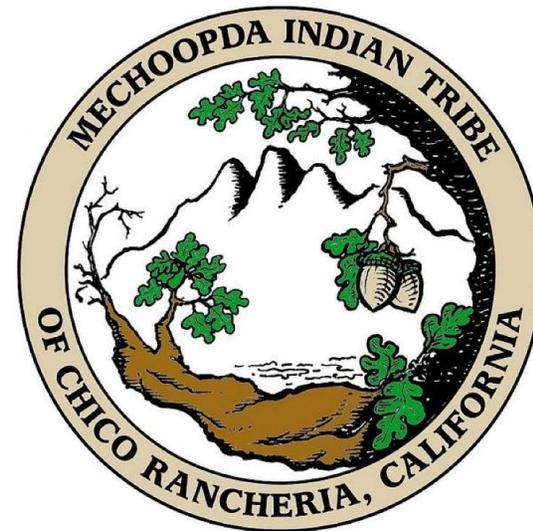
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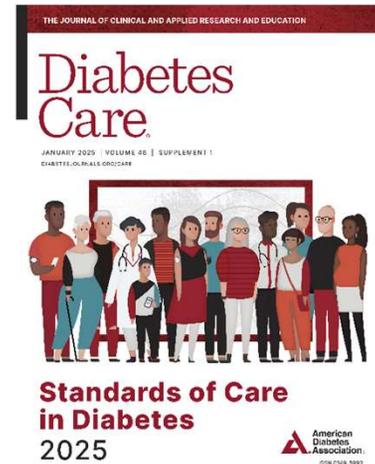


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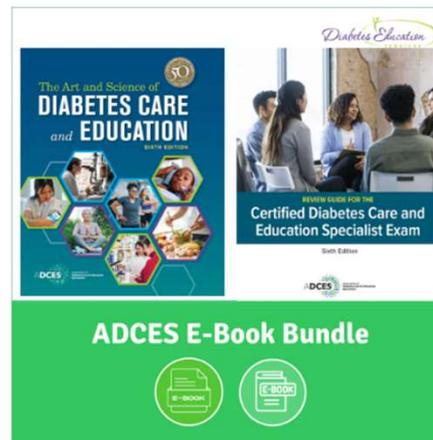


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Objectives

1. Describe the roadmap to becoming a CDCES or BC-ADM.
2. State 3 main differences between the credentials.
3. Discuss the benefits and drawbacks of each certification.



Coach Bev's Journey

Achieving Certification

1992 – Passed CDCES Exam,
Health Education Mgr at HMO

1994 – Hired as Inpatient Diabetes
Specialist at Stanford Hospital

1998 – Started consulting company
Diabetes Education Services to
help health care professional
achieve certification

1998 - current: Run local diabetes
programs inpatient, outpt, clinic

2001 – Passed BC-ADM exam

Keep expanding knowledge

Maintaining Certifications

CDCES Exam – Sit for exam every 5 years to
be familiar with exam philosophy.

- ▶ Have passed exam 6 times, sit for 7th time
in 2022
- ▶ Renew through CEs or Exam
- ▶ **BC-ADM Exam** – Sat for exam twice, then
policy changed.
 - ▶ Renew every 5 years by completing:
 - ▶ CE activities (75 CE's)
 - ▶ Academic Credits
 - ▶ Presentations
 - ▶ Publication & Research
 - ▶ Preceptor / Mentor
 - ▶ Professional Service

Coach Bev's Recent Roles

▶ Hospital Based Program Manager

- Inpatient diabetes management
- ADA recognized outpatient program
- Outcome measurement
- Training of staff
- Policies and procedures
- Teach classes
- Write articles

Rural Clinic Diabetes Specialist

- Consultant to providers and colleagues
- Cardiovascular risk management
- Work on process improvement
- Starting support group
- Staff training
- Medication adjustments
- Case management



BC-ADM vs CDCES Question

What best describes the difference between a Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist (CDCES) and a person Board Certified in Advanced Diabetes Management (BC-ADM)?

- A. BC-ADMs are responsible for increased complexity in decision making
- B. A bachelor's degree or higher is required to obtain a CDCES
- C. The main difference is that BC-ADM's prescribe medications based on diagnosis
- D. With an advanced degree, BC-ADM's are qualified to set up an independent practice



True or False Questions

- ▶ CDCES's need 1000 hours of diabetes self-management experience within 4 years to apply for the certification exam?
- ▶ For CDCES or BC-ADM, certificants are required to renew certification by retaking the exam and completing required CEs?
- ▶ BC-ADM is renewed every 10 years by submitting proof of providing advanced level care?

Eligibility Requirements

BC-ADM VS CDCES



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CDCES & BC-ADM EXAM REQUIREMENTS

Requirement	CDCES Exam	BC-ADM Exam
<p>Discipline Requirement</p>	<p>Licenses/Registrations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered Nurse (includes NPs and CNSs) Registered Dietitian Pharmacist Physician Assistant (PA) Physician (MD/DO) Occupational Therapists & Physical Therapists Specialists: Clinical Psychologist, Optometrist, Podiatrist <p>OR</p> <p>Certifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> American College of Sports Medicine Certified Clinical Exercise Physiologist Health educator holding active certification as a Master Certified Health Education Specialist from the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing <p>OR</p> <p>Health care professional with a minimum of a master's degree in social work.</p>	<p>Licenses/Registrations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered Nurse (includes NPs and CNSs) Registered Dietitian Pharmacist Physician Assistant (PA) Physician (MD/DO) <p>Plus a Master's or higher degree in a clinically relevant area.</p>
<p>Certification Fees</p>	<p>Certification Fees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$350 	<p>Certification Fees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$600 ADCES members \$900 Nonmembers

Hours Requirement BC-ADM VS CDCES



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Requirement	CDCES Exam	BC-ADM Exam
<p data-bbox="709 526 886 591">Hours Requirement</p>	<p data-bbox="991 526 1528 730">15 CE Hours - For the CDCES exam, a minimum of 15 clock hours of continuing education activities are required. These hours must be applicable to diabetes and received within two years of applying for certification. Since all of our programs are accredited by the CDR, our online and live courses fulfill the CE requirements.</p> <p data-bbox="991 769 1528 974">1000 hours of Diabetes Care & Education - Applicants must complete a minimum of 1000 hours of Diabetes Care & Education to sit for the CDCES exam. This practice hour requirement has been adjusted in consideration of the pandemic, to now required within the past 5 years, vs. within the past 4 years pre-pandemic</p> <p data-bbox="991 1013 1528 1094"><u>Download Practice Hours Spreadsheet Tracker:</u> Download this sheet to easily track your practice hours.</p>	<p data-bbox="1591 526 2074 730">500 advanced clinical practice hours - To apply for the BC-ADM exam, you must complete 500 clinical practice hours within 48 months prior to applying for the certification exam. Clinical hours must be earned after relevant licensure and advanced degree was obtained.</p> <p data-bbox="1591 769 2074 850"><u>Download Practice Hours Spreadsheet Tracker:</u> Download this sheet to easily track your practice hours.</p>

CDCES vs BC-ADM

CDCES

- Supports and educates people with prediabetes and diabetes to understand and self-manage
- Individualize behavior and treatment goals to optimize health outcomes.



BC-ADM

- Requires Master's degree
- Management of diabetes and comorbidities
- Increased complexity of decision making



What Is A CDCES?

A health professional who possesses comprehensive knowledge of and experience in diabetes prevention, prediabetes, and diabetes management.

The CDCES educates, supports, and advocates for people affected by diabetes, addressing the stages of diabetes throughout the lifespan.

The CDCES promotes self-management to achieve individualized behavioral and treatment goals that reduce risks and optimize health outcomes.



CDCES = Mastery Level

- Practice-based certification
- Requires individuals to accrue professional practice experience prior to applying
- This practice experience is necessary to master the knowledge
- CDCES provides formal recognition of specialty practice and mastery of knowledge
- Provides validation of demonstrated dedication to Diabetes Care and Education (DCE)

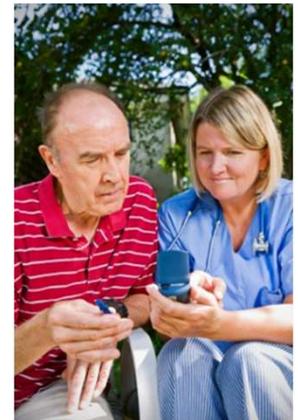
Diabetes Care & Education Includes:

Assessment: Participant's needs are identified. Process is led by the participant with assessment of support of specialist.

Care & Education Plan: Individualized plan that reflects participant's self-management goals, current evidence and practice guidelines. Includes criteria for evaluating outcomes.

The specialist delivers options to assist participants in meeting self-management goals.

Ongoing Support: The specialist provides options for ongoing support and resources. The support option is selected by participant to best meet self-management goals



Diabetes Care & Education Includes:

Participant Progress: Specialist monitors and communicates whether participant is achieving self-management goals and other outcome(s) to evaluate effectiveness of interventions. Additional assessments are based on participant's needs across lifespan.

Documentation: Assessment, education plan, intervention, and outcomes are documented in participant's health record.

Services Development/Administration: Development and administrative activities performed as part of DSMES services.



DSMES = Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support



2. CDCES and BC-ADM Exam Philosophy

The certification exams include which of the following philosophies?

- A. Motivate people to make lifestyle changes
- B. Empower individuals to improve diabetes self-management
- C. Consider individuals needs, goals and life experiences
- D. Help all people with diabetes achieve an A1C less than 7%
- E. Collaborate and provide ongoing care



What Is A BC-ADM?

Skillfully manages complex patient needs and assists patients with therapeutic problem-solving.

Within their scope of practice, the BC-ADM:

- Adjust medications
- Treat & monitor acute & chronic complications
- Counsel on lifestyle modifications
- Address psychosocial issues
- Participate in research and mentoring



BC-ADM Exhibits Advanced Knowledge

- ▶ “The depth of knowledge and competence in advanced clinical practice and diabetes skills affords an increased complexity of decision making which contributes to better patient care.”



- *Excerpted from ADCES website*

Becoming A BC-ADM



- ▶ *..provides opportunities for health care professionals to expand their roles beyond traditional boundaries and to demonstrate their effectiveness in performing at an advanced level of practice*

Anne Daly, MS, RD,²BC-ADM, CDE
ADVANCED Practice in Diabetes Care *Diabetes Spectrum* January 2003 vol. 16 no. 1 24-26

Advanced Level Activities Of BC-ADM

► Management skills such as:

- Medication adjustment
- Medical nutrition therapy
- Exercise planning
- Counseling for behavior management and psychosocial issues
- Attaining optimal metabolic targets which includes include treatment and monitoring of acute and chronic complications
- Research and mentoring





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True or False Questions

- ▶ CDCES is comprised of 200 multiple choice and true and false question?
- ▶ **BC-ADM exam is comprised of 175 multiple choice questions?**
- ▶
- ▶ Both exams require a brief essay of explanation at the end?

Exam Fees and Details CDCES vs BC-ADM



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Exam Content	Time Allotted: 4 hours 175 Multiple Choice Questions on (150 scored and 25 pre-test): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Domain 1: Assessment of the Diabetes Continuum (37) Domain 2: Care & Education Interventions (105) Domain 3: Standards & Practices (8) 	Time Allotted: 3.5 hours 175 Multiple Choice Questions on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Domain 1: <u>Assessment and Diagnosis</u> (45) Domain 2: <u>Planning and Intervention</u> (50) Domain 3: <u>Evaluation and Follow-Up</u> (34) Domain 4: <u>Leadership and Advanced Professional Practice</u> (21)
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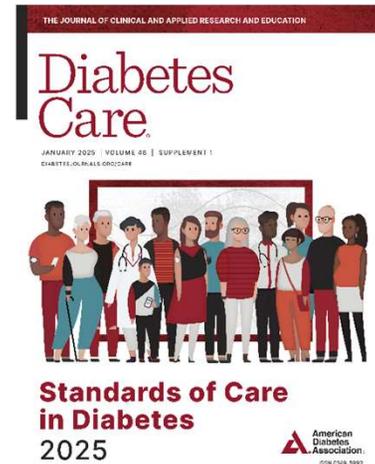
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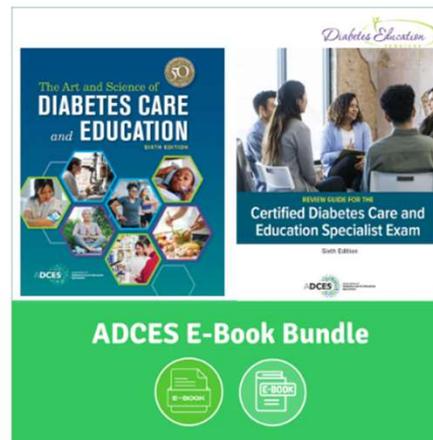


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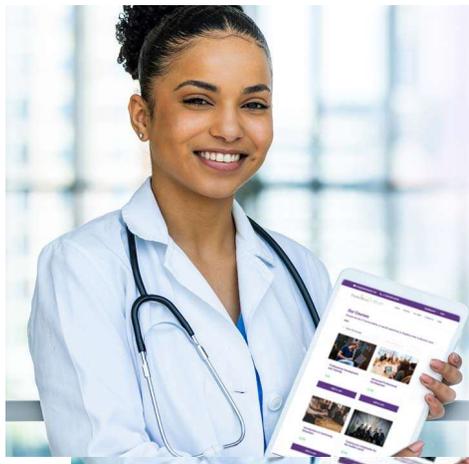
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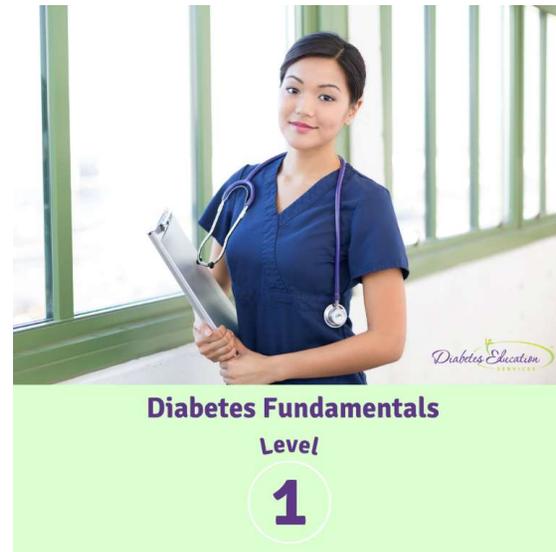
Class 2: Nutrition & Exercise 1.5 | CEs

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- Class 6: Solving Glucose Mysteries for Type 2 | 1.75 CEs
- Class 7: Basal Bolus Therapy in Hospital | 1.75 CEs
- Class 8: From the Gut to the Butt – Exploring the GI System | 1.5 CEs
- Class 9: The Impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences on Health | 1.0 CE
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- Class 11: What We Say Matters: Language that Respects the Individual and Imparts Hope | 0.75 CE
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I want to thank you for the role that the 1-year subscription to your online university played in passing my CDCES exam this past October. Your webinars are both thorough and engaging. The webinars expanded on the knowledge that I had learned in my first year as a diabetes educator and filled in the gaps of my blind spots regarding exam content. Now in my third year as a diabetes educator, I am a much more well-rounded and versatile educator and care specialist because of your online university.

Tim Leech, CDCES

I wanted to let you know that after using your Diabetes Ed Specialist Deluxe Prep Bundle, I passed the exam last month on the first try! I wouldn't have known where to start without these resources and I plan to continue my growth and learning from you in the future.

Thank you so much for your help and direction! 😊

Athena Cameranesi, RD, CDCES



I passed the BC-ADM exam. It's for sure a brainstorming examination. But by Almighty's grace and a lot of hard work I was successful. I want to thank the Diabetesed coach Beverley for her very informative in-depth study materials. I would definitely recommend it to anyone who is contemplating taking this exam. The BC-ADM kit online course, CDCES Coach app, Pocket cards, Certified Diabetes Educator exam book, and other resources helped me to build a strong foundation before appearing for the exam. I and my friends were able to have virtual study sessions to share ideas and information. It's definitely worth to take this exam to render holistic well-rounded care for our patients with diabetes.

Susan George, APRN, DNP, FNP-C, BC-ADM

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