

Requirement

CDCES Exam

BC-ADM Exam

Discipline Requirement

Licenses/Registrations

- Registered Nurse (includes NPs and CNSs)
- Registered Dietitian
- Pharmacist
- Physician Assistant (PA)
- Physician (MD/DO)
- Occupational Therapists & Physical Therapists
- Specialists: Clinical Psychologist, Optometrist, Podiatrist

OR

Certifications

- 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

OR

Health care professional with a minimum of a **master's degree in social work.**

[Download 2023 Certification Examination for Diabetes Educators Handbook](#) for complete information about eligibility and certification.

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- Pharmacist
- Physician Assistant (PA)
- Physician (MD/DO)

Plus a **Master's or higher degree** in a clinically relevant area

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Hours Requirement

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. Read more about our Accreditations [here](#).

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

[Download Practice Hours Requirement Adjusted for Pandemic](#): The CBDCE has extended the adjusted hours required to “address the continuing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the ability of health professionals pursuing the CDCES credential

[Download Practice Hours Spreadsheet Tracker](#). Download this sheet to easily track your practice hours.

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.

[Download the Practice Hours Spreadsheet](#) to easily track your practice hours.

Requirement	CDCES Exam	BC-ADM Exam
Certification Fees	Certification Fees: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$350	Certification Fees: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$600 ADCES members• \$900 Nonmembers
Exam Content	Time Allotted: 4 hours 200 Multiple Choice Questions on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Domain 1: Assessment of the Diabetes Continuum (59)• Domain 2: Interventions for Diabetes Continuum (88)• Domain 3: Disease Management (28)	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)
Eligibility & Resource Page	<u>Preparing for the CDCES Exam - FREE Webinar & Resource Page</u>	<u>Preparing for the BC-ADM Exam - FREE Webinar & Resource Page</u>