

## Bryanna is here to Help!



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## Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge and are mindful that Diabetes Education Services stands on lands that were originally occupied by the first people of this area, the Mechoopda, and we recognize their distinctive spiritual relationship with this land, the flora, the fauna, and the waters that run through this area.



## **Topics**

- Qualifications to take the exam
- ▶ Applying for exam
- ▶ Exam content
- Study strategies
- ▶ Test taking tips
- ▶ Resources



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## Cert Exam Book - Great Info



BC-ADM BOARD CERTIFIED-ADVANCED DIABETES MANAGEMENT Certification Examination Handbook

## Why Take the BC-ADM Exam?

- ▶ Board Certification Advanced **Diabetes Management**
- ▶ Validates a healthcare professional's specialized knowledge and expertise in the management of people with diabetes.
- Provides opportunity to provide education and advanced level management at the same time

(within one's scope of practice)

## Potential Benefits of BC-ADM

- May be used by a hiring manager as "shorthand" for qualifications and resume
- ▶ Enhances organizational scope of practice (not legal scope as defined by licensure)
- May lead to increased compensation or the ability to leverage higher salary or promotion
- Available to multiple disciplines (nurses, dietitians, pharmacists, physician/DO's, and PAs)
- ▶ Increases marketability in job search
- Increases the visibility of the profession and organization
- ▶ Helps to fulfill increased need for advanced clinicians to manage the growing population of individuals with diabetes
- Personal satisfaction

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## 2024 - Qualifications

▶ Clinical licensure plus advanced degree as outlined AND



▶ 500 clinical practice hours in advanced diabetes management within 48 months prior to taking the exam





## Professional Qualifications to take BC-**ADM- excerpted from ADCES**

Eligibility Requirements

Candidates must complete the following requirements before applying. See the eligibility criteria details in the following chart for details.

Nurse	Dietitian	Pharmacist	Physician Assistant (PA)	Physician
Current, active RN and/or advanced practice nursing license	Current, active dietitian license and/or registration	Current, active pharmacist license	Current active physician assistant license	Current active MD/DO license
Master's or higher degree in a relevant clinical, educational, or management area	Master's or higher degree in a clinically relevant area	Master's or higher degree in Pharmacy	Master's or higher degree in a relevant clinical, educational, or management area	MD/DO degree
500 clinical practice hours within 48 months prior to applying for certification examination.  (Clinical hours must be earned after relevant licensure and advanced degree was obtained)				
Skillfully manages complex patient needs and assists patients with therapeutic problem- solving. Within their discipline's scope of practice, healthcare professionals who hold the B-CADM certification may adjust and in some cases prescribe) medications, treat, and monitor acute and chronic complications and other comorbidities, counsel patients on lifestyle modifications, address psychosocial issues, and participate in research and mentoring.				
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## Advanced Level Activities of BC-ADM

- ▶ Skillfully manages complex needs and assists with therapeutic problem-solving.
- Practicing within their discipline's scope of practice:
  - adjust medications,
  - treat & monitor acute and chronic complications
  - provide medical nutrition therapy
  - help plan exercise regimens
  - > counsel to manage behaviors and psychosocial
  - > participate in research and mentor.

## **Activities That Count for Hours** Activities that count towards practice hour require Managing complex patient needs Monitoring, interpreting, and applying results generated from complex patient data sets Formulating and prioritizing a problem list Educating individuals about medical nutrition therapy Incorporating technologies into practice for maintenance and/or management of diabetes and cardiometabolic conditions Managing and adapting interventions for special populations Assisting patients with therapeutic problem-solving Conducting therapeutic interviews using a systematic approach Counseling patients on lifestyle modifications Incorporating appropriate behavior change models and techniques to improve health outcomes through problem solving and teamwork Collaborating with individuals to individualize and prioritize their care Establishing and implementing measurable self-care goals to improve health outcomes Utilizing technology enhanced devices to collect, analyze, and inform judgements for individual and/or aggregated health data Adjusting medications if within their discipline's scope of practice Managing pharmacologic therapy options and interventions for diabetes, cardiometabolic, and related conditions BC-ADM : BOARD CERTIF Certification Examination Hand Treating and monitoring acute and chronic complications and other comorbidities Performing comprehensive assessments of diabetes, complications, and related chronic and cardiometabolic conditions across the lifespan (e.g., functional status, sensory/foot, eye exam, medication, and complementary alternative medication review) Implementing standards of diabetes care and clinical practice guidelines pertaining to Interpreting and applying results generated from assessment and diagnostic tests Performing screenings and understanding diagnostic criteria for diabetes, cardiometabolic and related conditions Implementing interventions that reflect standards of diabetes care and clinical practice guidelines Discussing surgical options for diabetes management including eligibility, risks, benefits, Collaborating with healthcare providers to coordinate care for individuals and populations Managing diabetes in the hospital and during transitions of care Engaging in telehealth services for diabetes management Performing interventions pertaining to follow-up care, reflecting standards of diabetes care and clinical practice guidelines Addressing psychosocial issues Evaluating self-care behavior and perform behavioral health assess Assessing social determinants of health o Collaborating with mental health providers to adjust interventions for psychosocia conditions · Participating in research Utilizing QI infrastructure to gauge population level diabetes measures Mentoring other clinicians in diabetes care Reviewing treatments and outcomes, comparing, and explaining results o Evaluating and adjusting diabetes and cardiometabolic treatment care plans accordingly Bev's Perspective – CDCES since 1992 First took BC-ADM exam in 2001 (before kids) Strong background in inpt management ▶ Passed test – but opened another professional door – expanded my perspective, encouraged learning Created Critical Assessment Course as result Member of ANCC team, provided "Review Course' ▶ Retook exam in 2006 Renewed by completing a bunch of stuff -Declined to participate in committee to update exam in 2011 (although I really wanted to) ▶ Renewed again in 2016 and 2021

## **Recent Roles**

- Diabetes Program Manager
  - Inpatient diabetes management
  - ADA Recognized Outpt Program
  - Outcome Measurement
  - · Training of Staff
  - Policies and Procedures
  - Teach Classes
  - Write articles

- ▶ Diabetes Specialist
  - Consultant to providers
  - CV Risk Management
  - Work on process improvement
  - Starting support group
  - Staff training
     Medication
     Adjustments



## Your questions

- For the 500 hours, what is considered advanced diabetes management?
- ▶ How do you document your hours?
- As a CDCES (CDE), how will this expand my role?
- Is the ADCES version of the BC-ADM Exam is very much like the CDCES Exam?

## CDCES Vs BC - ADM

### **CDCES**

- Educates and supports people affected by diabetes to understand and manage the condition.
- Promotes selfmanagement to achieve individualized behavioral and treatment goals that optimize health outcomes.

### **BC-ADM**

- Management of diabetes and comorbidities
- Increased complexity of decision making
- Must have Master's


	BC-ADM <sup>®</sup>	CDCES*
Eligible Professions	Registered Nurse (includes NPs and CNSs) Registered Detitian Pharmacist PA PA Physician	Standard pathways. Many health professionals quality including, Registered Nurses, Registered Diettrans/Diettran Nurthoniss, Pharmacsits, PAS, MDDO, and many others Unique Qualifications Pathway (UGP) - Additional options for health professionals with advanced degrees in health-related area/concentration.  Visit the Certification Examination for Diabetes Educators Examination Handbook for complete details
Experience	500 clinical practice hours in advanced diabetes management within 48 months prior to taking certification examination	Al least 2 years of experience working under the qualifying profession (not required to be in diabetes) the 4 years preceding application     1000 hours of diabetes education within 4 years, with 400 hours completed in the preceding year (NOTE: UQP requirement differs)
Other Requirements	Advanced degree (master's degree or higher in relevant field)  Clinical hours must take place after relevant licensure and advanced degree have been obtained	15 clock hours of diabetes-related continuing education (CE) within the 2 years preceding application to take exam (UGP requirement differs)

## Board Certification –Advanced Diabetes Management (BC-ADM) Description

- "The depth of knowledge and competence in advanced clinical practice and diabetes skills affords an increased complexity of decision making which contributes to better care."
  - Excerpted from AADE website

# Diabetes Spectrum January 2003 vol. 16 no. 1 24-26

# Applying to take the BC-ADM Exam Creating an Application An online application is available here <a href="https://assessments.meazurelearning.com/adces/">https://assessments.meazurelearning.com/adces/</a>. Follow the prompts to create an online profile that will serve as the basis for all interaction with Meazure Learning. Testing Centers The examination is computer-based and offered only through Meazure Learning's approved proctored testing centers across the US and internationally or via their live online proctoring program. For a list of testing sites around the world, go to https://www.meazurelearning.com/candidate-services. Note that candidates who wish to test at an international test site must pay an additional non-refundable scheduling fee of \$150 to test in person. There is no additional scheduling fee for international candidates who select remote live proctoring. EXAMINATION APPLICATION FEES AND DEADLINES \*\*Examination application fee | Application |

## What application materials do I need to submit?

- ▶ Completed application including
  - Proof of Licensure
- Documentation of 500 Advanced Practice Clinical Hours ' (within last 48 months) with attestation
- Diploma of Master's level (or higher)
- Payment
  - ▶ ADCES (AADE) Members = \$600
  - Non ADCES Members = \$900
  - Recertification \$500 / \$800 + 1000 practice hours + professional development



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# BC-ADM Exam Details Steps to Becoming a BC-ADM What are the steps to become Board Certified in Advanced Diabetes Management (BC-ADM)? Step 1. Review the qualifications to achieve your BC-ADM • Visit the DCLS BC-ADM Destification page to review eligibility and to achieve your same. • Notice of the DCLS BC-ADM Destification page to review eligibility and to achieve your same. • Notice of the DCLS BC-ADM Destification page to review eligibility and to achieve your same. • Notice of the DCLS BC-ADM Destification page to review eligibility and to achieve your same. • Notice of the complete and efficial lating of all of the requirements for the BC-ADM. Instructions how to apply, third sycarcures, and the against one and lating the same of the second page of th

## Test Site or Live Online Proctoring (LOP)

### LIVE ONLINE PROCTORING

- We recommend candidates schedule their testing appointment as soon as possible as appointment times are available on a first come, first-served basis.
   Candidates will receive a notice to schedule email that includes information about rescheduling, cancelling and/or transferring test windows.







### **Exam Details**

- ▶ 25 of the 175 questions are pretest questions and are **not** counted in the determination of individual examination scores.
- ▶ Candidates score is based solely on the 150 scored questions
- ▶ Results are based on a scaled score
- ▶ Passing rate~ 70%

The AADE BC-ADM uses the following scale:

	Minimum	Maximum	Passing	
	Score	Score	Score	
BC-ADM	200	500	350	



## BC-ADM Exam Content - 2024

### **EXAM INFORMATION**

There are 175 multiple- choice, single answer questions on this examination. Of these, 150 are scored questions and 25 are questions that are not scored and are used to determine how well these questions will perform before they are used an the scored portion of a future examination. These questions cannot be distinguished from those that will be scored, so it is important for a candidate to answer all questions. A candidate's score, however, is based solely on the 150 scored questions.

Areas that are included on the examination as well as the percentage and number of questions in each of the major categories of the scored portion of the examination are shown in the chart below.

Category	Domains of Practice	Percent	No. of Questions	
1	Assessment and Diagnosis	30%	45	
II	Planning and Intervention	33%	50	
III	Evaluation and Follow-up	23%	34	
IV	Population Health, Advocacy, and Professional Development	14%	21	

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## I - Assessment & Diagnosis – 45 questions Subdomains listed below

- 1. Therapeutic interviews 4
- 2. Comprehensive assessment of PWD 5
- 3. Physiology and pathophysiology relating to prediabetes, diabetes and comorbidities 5
- 4. Self-care behavior, mental health assessment 4
- 5. Social determinants of health 4
- 6. Standards of diabetes care ADA /AACE 5
- 7. Analysis of complex data sets 5
- 8. Synthesis of information from test/assess 5
- 9. Perform Screening and diagnostic criteria 4
- 10. Formulate and prioritize problem list 4

He	lpful FREE Webinars
Dodeta Shudan 25	DigitalStudio On Demand  Behavior Change Theories Made Easy For all health care professionals who are coaching individuals to support healthier self-management or taking the Diabetes Certification Exams.  Discover Advanced Specialty Topics
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## II. Planning and Intervention - 50

- 1. Standards of Care re: intervention 4
- 2. Incorp behavior change models 4
- 3. Medical Nut Therapy Knowledge 4
- 4. Pharmacologic therapy 5
- 5. Surgical Options for DM Management 3
- 6. Technology Options (Pump, CGM, etc) 4
- 7. Individualization/ Priority of Care 4
- 8. Collaboration, Referral and Coordination 4
- 9. Establish self-care goal, improve outcomes 4
- 10. Refer to mental health for psychosocial -4
- 11. Interventions for special pops 4
- 12. Manage diabetes in hospital/transitions 4
- 13. Engage in telehealth services (CMS) 3

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# Domain II: Planning and Intervention Domain II: Planning and Intervention Life ventile and the planning and Intervention Domain III Planning and Intervention Domain III Planning and Intervention Domain III makes up 34% of the Intervention III of Intervention II

## III. Evaluation and Follow-Up - 34

- Standards of Care ADCES, ADA, AACE, ACOG, Endocrine Society – 9
- 2. Use technology devices to collect, analyze and inform judgements 7
- 3. Review treatments and outcomes, explain results 9
- 4. Evaluate and adjust treatment plan accordingly 9

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## IV. Population Health, Advocacy, Professional Development - 20

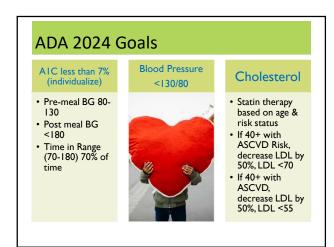


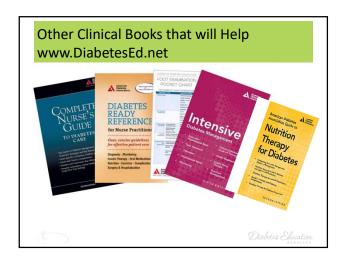
- Regulatory, accreditation/recognition disease management, reimbursement and standards (JACHO, HEDIS, ERP, DEAP, CMS, OSHA, CLIA, HIPPA)- 3
- 2. Program development and CQI 2
- 3. Community needs 2
- 4. Public health initiatives 2
- 5. Engage in scholarly activities -2
- 6. Incorporate tech to individualize care 4
- 7. Advocate for person first language 3
- 8. Display leadership qualities -3

## Your questions

- What standards are used? ADA, AACE and from which year?
- What are the most important study tools?
  - ADA and AACE Stds / Clinical Guidelines
- Nurses Complete Guide to Diabetes Care
- ▶ Levels 1-4 and Test Taking Toolkit
- What is best source of info on newer diabetes medications?







## Resources - DiabetesEd.net



Nurses Guide to Diabetes Care. 3rd edition - Book

(2017). Childs, B. (editor). An excellent reference for all health care professionals providing advanced level diabetes care and treatment. Great Study tool

### **Links to Summary Pages**

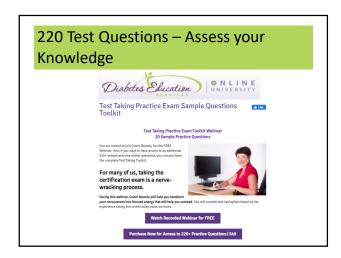
- Medications for Lipid Management
- ▶ Medications for Hypertension
- Management of Neuropathy
- Diabetes Medication PocketCards
- ▶ Online Courses

## **BC-ADM** Resource Page

https://diabetesed.net/preparing-to-take-bc-adm-webinar-and-resource-page/

## BC-ADM Resources on DiabetesEd.net Articles to Read to Prepare for BC-ADM Exam Diabetes Care

# Study Tools – Take as many tests as possible Test Taking Tips Free Webinar ADCES Book Bundle The Art & Science Desk Reference & Review Guide - 6th edition Exam PROBLET STARE FOULD TIPS ADCES Book Bundle: Desk Reference & Review Guide - 6th edition \$ 388.95 Quantity 1 Add to Cart Diabetes Ed. net > Books and Study



# Sample Question -1 A healthy adolescent with 2 year history of type 1 DM returns for a quarterly appt. For the past month, they have experienced abdominal pain and diarrhea after some high carb meals. An advanced diabetes manager's first intervention is to order a: A. Transglutaminase Autoantibody Test B. 72-hour fecal fat collection C. Colonscopy D. Stool Sample

## Poll Question 2

- MS is having trouble sleeping and complains of waking up with frequent nightmares. Insulin dose includes 5-8 units of Novolog at breakfast and dinner and 12 units of NPH bedtime. Complains that before bed blood sugar is often greater than 300, so takes extra insulin before going to bed to bring it down. What is your best response?
  - a. Instruct MS to decrease the NPH insulin by 2 units to prevent nocturnal hypoglycemia.
  - b. Contact provider and request to discontinue NPH and start Lantus instead.
  - c. Assess if MS is having a snack before checking her bedtime blood glucose level.
  - Instruct how to safely adjust dinner time Novolog to prevent hyperglycemia at bedtime.



## Poll Question 3

The rates of gestational diabetes (GDM) are increasing in the United States. Which of the following is true? A. Children born to people with GDM have lower rates of type 1 diabetes. B. Risk of GDM can be decreased by getting to healthy weight prepregnancy



- C. GDM is defined as elevated blood glucose levels discovered anytime during pregnancy
- D. People with GDM can control glucose through diet changes only

## Poll Question 4

- Hyperglycemia during hospitalization is associated with poor outcomes due to
- a. Abnormal co-regulation of nitric oxide
- b. Increased free fatty acids, ketones and lactate
- c. Ketone production associated with alkalosis
- d. Increased insulin resistance and insulin secretion and decreased counterregulatory hormones.



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## 5. JR, 40-year-old has a 10-year history of diabetes

- Injects 16 units of NPH and 8 units lispro (Humalog) before breakfast, and 8 units of NPH, and 4 units of lispro (Humalog) before dinner. BG pattern is:
- ▶ fasting blood glucose is 100
- pre-lunch is 240 mg/dL;
- > pre-dinner is 210 mg/dL
- bedtime is 150 mg/dL.

The advanced diabetes manager recommends:

- a. Adding 2 units of Humalog before breakfast.
- b. Adding 4 units of Humalog before dinner.
- c. Adding 2 units of Humalog before lunch.
- d. Decreasing the evening NPH insulin by 2 units.



## Sample Question 6

ML takes 16 units glulisine before breakfast and lunch. Takes 16-20 units before dinner depending on BG levels. ML also takes 42 units of glargine at hs.

How many vials of glulisine does ML need a month?

- A. 1.5 vials
- в. 2 vials
- c. 2.8 vials
- D. 3 vials



## Sample question 7

- ▶ A 54-yr-old, BMI 32 with type 2 diabetes, A1c 8.3%, history of HTN with a UACR of 38mg/g and GFR of 49. Meds include Glipizide, Metformin and levothyroxine. Given his risk status, which 3 classes of meds should they be taking according to ADA Standards?
- a. Insulin, aspirin and ACE Inhibitor.
- b. TZD, ARB and bolus insulin.
- c. Beta blocker, stop metformin and add statin.
- d. ARB, statin, SGLT-2 Inhibitor



## Sample question 8

Current recommendations for screening for Type 2 diabetes and prediabetes in asymptomatic young adults include elevated BMI plus:

- a. Individuals with a HDL of 52 mg/dl
- b. Women with polycystic ovary disease
- c. Individuals with a history of Addison's disease
- d. Offspring with a parent with type 1 diabetes



## Sample question 9

RS observes Ramadan and fasts from sunrise to sunset. RS is 13 years old, has type 1 diabetes, uses an insulin pump and CGM. RS's insulin-to-carb ratio is 1:12 and correction is 1:45. Basal settings range from 0.5 -1.2 units an hour. What would be the best recommendation for RS to keep blood sugars in target range during Ramadan?

- a. See if RS can get a note from their doctor to allow eating during the day
- b. Decrease basal insulin rate by 50% during periods of fasting
- c. Take bolus insulin when RS eats a meal or snack
- d. Monitor urine ketones at least twice a day

### Renew every 5 years by completing:

**Maintaining Certification BC-ADM** 

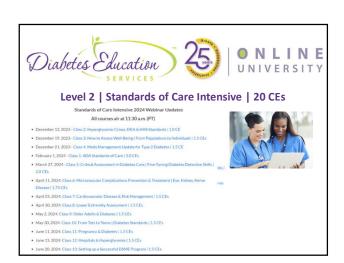
- ▶ CE activities (75 CE's)
- Academic Credits
- Presentations
- ▶ Publication & Research
- ▶ Preceptor / Mentor
- ▶ Professional Service

## Recertification Requirements Professional Development plus Practice Hours: Hold a current, active RN, RD, RPh, PA, or MD/DO license in a state or territory of the U.S. or the professional legally-recognized equivalent in another country; Hold a current BC-ADM certification; Complete the professional development requirements for your certification specialty (must be completed within the five (5) years preceding your renewal application submission); Complete a minimum of 1,000 practice hours in your certification role and population/specialty (must be completed within the five (5) years preceding your renewal application submission); and Pay the renewal fee. Recertification Fees S00.00 - AADE members S00.00 - Non AADE members



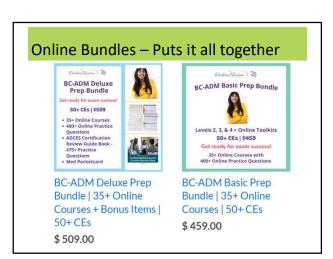












## Knowledge = Confidence

- Most important aspect of test taking
- Knowing the content will improve your confidence
- ▶ As you study your knowledge base expands



