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*Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome.*

Booker T. Washington

## Message from the CBDCE Chair



**Becky Sulik**  
RDN, LD, CDCES  
2022 CBDCE Chair

Dear CDCES Community,

For many of us, 2022 is off to a “bumpy” start. We are still significantly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in our personal and professional lives. Even with the current uncertainties, I’m excited to start my year as the chair of the CBDCE Board of Directors. I’m proud to hold the CDCES credential and hope that each of you reading this knows the value you bring to people affected by diabetes and the health care community. I believe that with the help of our amazing board members and staff, our leadership team is prepared to meet further challenges and find opportunities for growth.

As we jump into our new year, CBDCE is also starting with five new board members and an updated mission, vision, values, and strategic plan. Our plan focuses on continuing to improve the visibility of our certificants and the value of the CDCES credential along with exploring new opportunities for additional credentialing options and partnerships. Our commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and access continues and is woven into all priority areas of the strategic plan.

CBDCE continues to work on implementing strategies to adapt to challenges we are facing together. We are pleased that the option for taking the CDCES exam via Live Remote Proctoring is now active. Our 2021 scholarship program was a great success, and we recently announced the opening of the 2022 program!

Finally, I want to give a shout out to our new CBDCE Chair-elect, James Bernasko, MD. I’m honored to work with him along with our other talented and dedicated board

members.

We would love to hear about your stories of success, creative problem-solving, and impact you are making in your individual spheres of influence. We are also eager to better understand your challenges and gather feedback that we can use to continue moving forward. Thank you for all your efforts and commitment to the diabetes community.

Respectfully,

Becky Sulik, RDN, LD, CDCES

## Meet the 2022 CBDCE Board of Directors

The CBDCE Board of Directors is composed of a team of volunteer CDCESs and a public member. The board members are dedicated volunteer leaders who bring significant expertise and help set CBDCE's strategic priorities. [Check out the article about the board.](#) or visit our [leadership page](#) to connect with them through their LinkedIn profiles.

Application for 2023 board openings will open April 1 - June 1, 2022. We will have 2 openings – one RN and one 'other'. The "other" professional category includes any discipline other than registered nurse, registered dietitian/dietitian nutritionist, pharmacist, or provider (MD, DO, PA, NP). [Check the website for the application.](#)

The graphic features the CBDCE logo (Certification Board for Diabetes Care and Education) and the title "2022 Board of Directors". It displays 12 circular headshots of board members arranged in three rows. The first row includes Ben Klein (Immediate Past Chair), Becky Sulik (Chair), James Bernasko (Chair-Elect), Jenni Osborne (Treasurer), and Sheryl Traficano (Corporate Secretary). The second row, titled "Directors", includes Melanie Batchelor, Dana Brackney, Nancy D'Hondt, Melinda Maryniuk, Chrystyne Olivieri, and Tami Ross. The third row features Andrew Vilcinskas as the Public Member.

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## CBDCE's Strategic Plan

The CBDCE Board of Directors recently approved the organization's [strategic plan and priorities](#) focused on growth, awareness and organizational health along with a newly revised Mission, Vision, and Values statement reflecting our core principles.

# Congratulations! Newly Certified CDCESs

Welcome to the CDCES community! Congratulations to the 223 newly certified CDCESs [who passed the exam from December 2021 through February 2022](#).

There are [many resources available](#) to you as a new CDCES. The credential represents a significant professional achievement. We hope you're proud of your CDCES credential and the important work you do to help people with diabetes.

Newly Certified  
List

## Important Announcements



The 2022 CDCES Scholarship program application window is open now through May 15, 2022. The program supports the journey for health professionals in the specialty and to encourage diversity in the pool of the health professionals holding the Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist (CDCES) credential. Individuals chosen as scholarship recipients are provided with an opportunity to take the practice examination at no cost and apply for the Certification Examination for Diabetes Care and Education Specialists one time at no cost! Individuals have 2 years from the date of the award to make use of the award and will

need to document meeting all current eligibility requirements for initial certification at the time of application for the Examination. The value of each scholarship is \$405. Be sure to let your colleagues know about the scholarship program and encourage them to apply!

Learn More



Live Remote Proctoring is available for the CDCES exam for new exam takers and renewals! Candidates will have the convenience and flexibility of taking the CDCES exam by either testing at a PSI Test Center or in the privacy of their own home. Check out the [information guide](#) to LRP or [PSI's video](#).

Learn More



Nominations for the 2022 CBDCE Mentor Spotlight Award will open April 1, 2022. The Mentor Spotlight Award recognizes a practicing CDCES who has participated in the Mentorship Program and has demonstrated outstanding mentorship to mentees interested in sitting for the CDCES exam. In order to qualify for the award, nominees must actively take part in the program as a mentor, maintain CDCES active certification status, and be in good standing. Congratulations to Ann Marie Hasse and Deborah Redd for receiving the 2021 award and for demonstrating outstanding mentorship!

Learn More



We are expanding our social media presence and need your help. CBDCE recently launched their NEW Instagram account! Yes, we are now on Instagram. Check out the page and if you follow [CBDCE](#) within the next 24 hours on the platform, we will follow you back!



Promote your CDCES credential. CBDCE grants you permission to use the CDCES logo as long as your certification remains valid. How to use the CDCES logo:

- Use CDCES behind your name on your email signature, business cards, and social media profiles
- Display the CDCES certificate in your workplace and
- Add the CDCES logo to promotional materials.

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## CDCES Certificant Spotlight



### Meet Marion Miano, RN, CDCES

I am a mentor for future CDCESs in the CBDCE Mentorship Program, which has been very rewarding for me! Are you aware that CBDCE counts mentorship volunteer activity hours toward the renewal of your CDCES certification? If you are a current CDCES, [click here](#) to learn more about mentoring future CDCESs.

*Each newsletter we spotlight a CDCES to acknowledge the work they do. Interested in being featured in a future CDCES story? Contact [Susan Hall](#).*

Read Marion's Story

## Q & A Corner

**Q:** Do I need a minimum of 200 practice hours each year?

**A:** No. There is no minimum number of hours for the renewal practice requirement needed every year, only the need to be able to attest to having obtained the minimum 1000 practice hours within the accrual cycle (and before applying for renewal). Learn more about [renewal](#).

## CDCES Resources Available

# Need CDCES Gear?



Shop Now for CDCES-branded  
Gear at the Online Shop.  
[www.cbdce.org](http://www.cbdce.org)

Shop  
Now



Get Listed in the Locate a CDCES Directory

## Are you Listed in the CDCES Directory?

It's important that people with diabetes and health care providers can locate you in the Locate a CDCES Directory. This is an excellent way to promote what you do! Set up your public profile listing in the CDCES portal so you can be listed in the [Locate a CDCES Directory](#). Once you've activated your account on the website, you'll sign in to the portal and set up your public directory listing that includes information about you and your practice.

Get Listed  
Now



## Video: The Benefits of Becoming a CDCES

Please share this video on the value and eligibility requirements of becoming a CDCES with your peers or anyone interested in learning more about the credential!

Share Video

## Video: People with Diabetes and CDCESs

Check out the CBDCE/CDN video that showcases a few young individuals from The College Diabetes Network sharing their personal experience on the value of seeing a CDCES and how a CDCES helps to manage their diabetes. We appreciate all CDCESs who care and support people with diabetes!

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