



# National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators

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## Certification Title and Organization Name Change News

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The members of the National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators (NCBDE) Board of Directors are excited to announce changes to the designation of the certification credential and the organization's name.

You may have already heard about the change in the designation of the specialty title from '**diabetes educator**' to '**diabetes care and education specialist**.' The American Association of Diabetes Educators (AADE) led the discussions and research about the new vision of the specialty and the future for diabetes educators. NCBDE and many other stakeholders were involved in those discussions throughout the visioning process. The transition to the new specialty designation will begin in 2020. [Learn more about the visioning process, including reasons behind the change.](#)

NCBDE understands the importance of protecting the CDE credential that was established to recognize health professionals who can demonstrate knowledge and skills related to diabetes care and education. CDEs also apply that knowledge and those skills to support people with diabetes and prediabetes to achieve their best outcomes. NCBDE must ensure that the credential reflects what is happening in the health care environment, including support of the various pillars outlined by the specialty vision. These pillars include promoting person-centered care, driving integration, a focus on behavioral health, leveraging technology, integrating related conditions, and achieving the quadruple aim of population health, quality of the patient's care experience, costs associated with care, and meaningfulness of the provider's experiences. The NCBDE Board of Directors believes that changing the name of the certification credential best reflects the current designation and the future of the specialty.

In 2020, the Certified Diabetes Educator (CDE) designation will transition to **Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist (CDCES)**. Current CDEs will NOT have to retake the examination to use the new CDCES credential and may continue using the CDE designation. However, as renewals take place beginning in 2020, certification documents will use the CDCES title and newly certified individuals will use the CDCES credential. Additionally, the NCBDE organization will become the **Certification Board for Diabetes Care and Education (CBDCE)**. You'll begin to see the new organization name and certification title as we transition throughout 2020. We're designing a new logo for the organization and developing a modern and more user-friendly website scheduled for launch next year.

NCBDE sees these changes as opportunities to remind the world how extraordinary and valuable our certificants are and the positive impact they have on diabetes health care.

As a Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist, you will continue to build on the strong foundation laid by the CDE credential, help build the reputation of our new specialty, and receive the recognition you deserve for all you do to care for people with and those at risk for diabetes.

We look forward to an exciting future for the specialty and the certification program!

Most sincerely,

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2019 NCBDE Board Chair

### Summary of Changes

- The Certified Diabetes Educator (CDE) credential is changing to the Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist (CDCES) credential starting in 2020.
- Current CDEs do NOT have to retake the examination to transition to the CDCES credential.
- When CDEs renew beginning in 2020, new certificates and wallet cards will use the CDCES designation.
- The NCBDE organization name will be changing to the Certification Board for Diabetes Care and Education (CBDCE).