



Summary of the January – June 2024 Examination Statistics for the Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist Certification Program

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The mission of the Certification Board for Diabetes Care and Education (CBDCE) is to promote quality diabetes care, education, prevention and support by providing certification and credentialing programs that incorporate and reflect best practices.

To inform the public, potential candidates, and those currently holding the Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist® (CDCES®) credential, CBDCE publishes a summary of the results of the certification examinations for diabetes care and education specialists (Examination) administered the previous year.

Certification Examination for Diabetes Care and Education Specialists — January – June 2024

An Examination Content Outline (ECO) was implemented from July 2019 through June 2024 examination administration, reflecting the results of a 2018 practice analysis that was in effect until a new practice analysis was completed in 2024. Questions on the Examination were linked directly to a task or tasks on the pertinent ECO. Each question, therefore, was designed to test if the candidate possessed the knowledge necessary to perform the task or had the ability to apply it to a job situation. A new ECO reflecting the results of a 2023 practice analysis that surveyed diabetes care and education specialists about the tasks went into effect July 1, 2024. Going forward, CBDCE will be reporting examination statistics based on the examination development schedule which begins in July every year. Thus, the next report will provide information on July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 test takers. It is anticipated that the report will be published in September or October.

CBDCE has offered year-round application submission and testing since 2016. Individuals apply to take the Examination year-round at a time convenient to their own schedules, and the online Examination registration is a fast and simple process. Once approved, individuals have 90 days to schedule and take the Examination. Beginning in January 2022, candidates were able to choose between taking the Examination in-person at a testing center or virtually via live remote proctoring (LRP).

For individuals pursuing certification for the first time, a total of 877 candidates took the Examination from January – June 2024. Of that total, 83% took the Examination for the first time and 17 had previously taken the Examination. A very small number of individuals were taking the exam to reinstate credentials that had expired or renew their certification status. Refer to Table 1. **Examination Statistics – January – June 2024 – Pass Rates by Testing Modality** for details.

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Table 1. Examination Statistics – January – June 2024 – Pass Rates by Testing Modality

Candidates Testing - First Time: January - June 2024	Number Tested	Pass Rate
At a Test Center	559	68%
Live Remote Proctoring	167	60%
Total: First Time Candidates	726	66%

Candidates Testing - Repeating Due to Unsuccessful Previous Attempt(s): January - June 2024	Number Tested	Pass Rate
At a Test Center	123	44%
Live Remote Proctoring	28	60%
Total: Repeat Testers	151	47%

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Founded in 1986, CBDCE is a national not-for-profit certifying body that awards the Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist (CDCES) and Board Certified-Advanced Diabetes Management credentials. CBDCE’s mission is to promote comprehensive and ongoing quality diabetes clinical management, education, prevention and support by defining, developing, maintaining, and protecting the certification and credentialing processes. Learn more at www.cbdce.org.

CDCES® Credential

The credential demonstrates to people with prediabetes and diabetes, employers, and third-party payers that the CDCES® possesses distinct and specialized knowledge, thereby promoting quality of care for people with diabetes. When the first Examination was offered in 1986, 1,248 health professionals successfully completed the certification process to become the inaugural group of CDEs. The CDE® credential transitioned to the new title of CDCES® in 2020. Accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies, through the end of 2024 there were 19,241 CDCES® credentialed health professionals. (cite date April, 2025).The CDCES® credential has become the recognized standard for competence in diabetes care and education. As the number of individuals diagnosed with prediabetes and diabetes continues to increase, it is important for them to have access to the services of a CDCES®.