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Message from the CBDCE Chair



Benjamin Klein
Public Member
2021 CBDCE Chair

Dear CDCES Community,

It goes without saying that 2020 posed many challenges, not only for CDCESs and the diabetes communities, but for society as a whole. As we round the corner and are well into 2021, I have a renewed sense of positivity and optimism about all of the progress to be made and available opportunities.

How you provide care and education for all individuals with or at risk for diabetes may be quite different from how it was at this time last year, yet we know that the impact you have remains incredibly significant. We cannot begin to thank you enough for the tremendously critical work that you do daily, and I, personally, am inspired every day by it.

For 2021, much of our attention remains where it was in the second half of 2020—focusing on imperative topics such as our COVID-19 response and how to support many aspects of diversity and inclusion in our CDCES population, including having it be more reflective of the communities we serve. We will continue to explore innovative ways to advocate for the extensive value that CDCESs provide in caring for those with or at risk for diabetes.

As always, if you have thoughts or suggestions related to any of our initiatives, we strongly encourage you to reach out to our team at info@cbdce.org. On behalf of the CBDCE Board of Directors, I am excited for all of the great work that lies ahead. I thank you for your continued efforts in improving the lives of people living with diabetes. Stay safe and be well.

Inspire,
Serve,
and Lead



Are you a CDCES who has served as a committee or task force member for CBDCE or another organization or has experience as a Board member of a state or national not-for-profit organization? **If so, we hope you will consider applying for a position on CBDCE's 2022 Board of Directors.** Positions to be filled by election in 2021 for service beginning in 2022 are three CDCES seats: one pharmacist and two CDCESs from any discipline; and one public member seat. Individuals selected will serve a four-year term. **Board applications open: March 17, 2021. Deadline for submitting applications: May 17, 2021.**

Apply
Now

Congratulations! Newly Certified CDCESs



Congratulations to the 222 newly certified CDCESs who passed the exam from December 2020 through February 2021. Welcome to the CDCES community! There are [many resources available](#) to you as a new CDCES. The CDCES credential represents a significant professional achievement. We hope you're proud of your new credential and the important work you do to help people with diabetes.

Newly Certified
List

New! Scholarships, Grants and Awards

Scholarship and Grant Award Programs

We are proud to offer the following new Scholarship and Grant award programs. Information on how to apply will be posted on the CBDCE website and shared via email in early April 2021.

Up to 20 Scholarships will be awarded to help CDCESs achieve their academic goals. Scholarship recipients can apply for the CDCES examination at no cost and also be able to make use of the practice examination. We will select scholarship recipients from the following categories (maximum of four recipients in each category):

- **Diversity & Inclusion** (includes health professionals that reflect any one of many aspects of diversity within the current certified population, including, but not limited to, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, race, LGBTQIA, men, and individuals with disabilities)
- **Profession Expansion** (includes health professionals with qualifying licenses, registrations, or degrees other than RN or RD/RDN, e.g., ACSM-CEP, MSW or Unique Qualifications Pathway (UQP) candidate)
- **Veterans & Active Military Service** (includes both health professionals who are veterans or holding active military status or health professionals currently working with people with diabetes in either population)
- **Young Professional, under 30** (includes health professionals who are less than 30 years of age with qualifying license, registration, or degree for the standard pathway or UQP candidate)
- **Underserved Population** (includes health professionals working with underserved populations)

SCHOLARSHIPS
AND GRANTS

Community Initiatives Grants

CBDCE will offer grants related to community initiatives (max of \$1,000 per initiative, maximum of \$5,000 in this category). Support CDCESs performing community initiatives, e.g., CDCESs partnering with:

- Community-based organizations to provide diabetes self-management education and support (DMSES).
- Chronic disease management collaboratives to help facilitate healthy interactions, risk adjustment, and access to diabetes education and/or diabetes prevention programs to underserved communities.
- Community organizations to provide outreach efforts serving underserved communities in non-traditional venues, e.g., barber shops, beauty salons, Boys and Girls Clubs, etc.

Research Grant

We will award one research grant related to research initiatives (maximum amount of \$5,000). The grant initiative supports CDCESs pursuing research opportunities, e.g., pilot programs, surveys, implementation, and translation of clinical research across different practice and/or cultural settings, etc.



New Mentor Spotlight Award

The recipients of the 2020 and 2021 Mentor Spotlight awards will be announced in Summer 2021. The new award recognizes practicing CDCESs (mentors) who have taken part in the CBDCE Mentorship Program and have demonstrated outstanding mentorship to mentees interested in sitting for the CDCES exam. The recipients will be recognized at CBDCEs Leadership Reception during the August 2021 ADCES Annual Meeting and will receive one complimentary meeting registration to the ADCES meeting. Learn more about the [mentorship program](#).

[Become a Mentor](#)

Important Announcements



Ben Klein Named 2021 CBDCE Chair

Meet Ben Klein, CBDCE's 2021 Board Chair. Ben has served as the Public Member on the CBDCE Board of Directors since 2018 and is the Director of Data & Advanced Analytics, Life Sciences, at Optum in Boston, MA. He's eager to lead the organization as it moves forward with its strategic priorities.

[Meet Ben](#)



Grace Period Deadline Approaching

If you know a person who's CDCES certification expired December 31, 2020, share the news that there is a grace period option to renew by CE that runs through March 31, 2021. This option requires submittal of a hard copy application, application fees, and CE certificates for the 75 CEs earned. Also required practice hours and CEs had to have been earned by December 15, 2020, in order to use the grace period option. This option does NOT give additional time to earn any needed practice hours or CEs.

Due to the pandemic, the application fee has been reduced to \$350, significantly less than the pre-pandemic fee of \$500. Review all the details by [downloading the 2021 Renewal of Certification by CE Handbook](#). The certification can also be reinstated by Examination. Visit page 9 of the [Examination Handbook for details](#).

[Learn More](#)



Initial Certification Eligibility Change

To address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the ability of health professionals pursuing the CDCES credential to accrue practice experience in diabetes care and education (DCE), the CBDCE Board of Directors has approved temporary changes to the professional practice requirement relating to DCE for initial CDCES certification. **These changes will take effect on April 1, 2021 and are reflected in the [Exam Handbook](#) and [CBDCE website](#).**

[Learn More](#)



Mentored Postdoctoral Fellowship in Integrated Diabetes Management

Applications Open Now!

Mentored Postdoctoral Fellowship

ADCES & CBDCE are accepting applications for a one-year mentored postdoctoral fellowship in integrated diabetes management. **Applications due: April 28, 2021.** Now in its second year, the joint fellowship is designed to foster emerging leaders in diabetes care, grow research and enhance health outcomes for people with diabetes, prediabetes and other cardiometabolic conditions. Julia Blanchette PhD, RN, CDCES, was named the [2020/2021 fellowship recipient](#), focusing her work on financial barriers to diabetes self-management outcomes in emerging adults with type 1 diabetes.

[Learn More](#)



CBDCE Turns 35!

Thank you to all the CDCESs who have maintained their CDCES credential throughout the years and continue to renew their certification!



CBDCE Celebrates its 35th Anniversary

CBDCE turned 35 this year and what a journey it has been! Thank you to all the CDCESs who have maintained their CDCES credential throughout the years and continue to renew their certification. We appreciate what you do every day to help people living with diabetes.

Help Your Community

CBDCE donated some funds to help residents of the recent Texas Winter Storm. If you are interested in helping, we encourage you to consider donating to any cause of your choice. "We are happy to give back to the community in helping towards relief and recovery efforts for the residents



that were affected by the Texas area storms.” said, CBDCE CEO, Sheryl Traficano.

CDCES Certificant Spotlight



Meet Terrye Peterson, BSN, RN, CDCES, CDTC

After earning my CDCES credential, I became very involved in the diabetes field. There are so many ways to make a difference in diabetes outcomes, and I see such a strong need for people living with diabetes to be more educated about diabetes. I have a wonderful career that I had not planned or expected because of my CDCES credential. It has opened doors for me to see people with diabetes across different areas of the hospital and to make an impact that I did not know was possible.

Each newsletter we will spotlight a CDCES to acknowledge the work they do. If you are interested in being featured in a future CDCES story, please contact [Susan Hall](#).

[Read Terrye's Story](#)

Q & A Corner

Q & A Corner: Continuing Education



Q: How many continuing education (CE) hours do I need to renew my CDCES credential?

A: When renewing by Renewal Pathway 1, you will need to earn a minimum of 75 CE hours during your accrual cycle. You can do this by only accruing 75 CE hours under the Formal Activities or you can mix and match with Formal and Expanded Activities. The Activities in the Formal Category must meet identified requirements. If you are using Expanded Activities, there are limits on each Expanded Activity, and the maximum hours you can claim during your accrual cycle is 30 CE hours from the Expanded Activities Category. Using 30 hours under the Expanded

Activities Category, you would need the minimum requirement of 45 CE hours under the Formal Activities Category.

Meet the CBDCE Staff



The CBDCE staff consists of four full-time and two part-time employees who are dedicated individuals that support the organization's mission and the CDCES certification program. We are constantly striving to provide you with an exceptional experience. Meet Sheryl, Beth, Michele, Susan, Lynne and Pam!

[Meet the Staff](#)

CDCES Resources Available



Get Listed in the Locate a CDCES Directory

Have you activated your CDCES portal account? It's important that people with diabetes and providers can locate you in the directory. 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!

Need CDCES Gear?



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www.cbdce.org

Shop
Now!



Share the New CDCES Video!

Please share this new video on the value and eligibility requirements of **becoming a CDCES** with your peers or anyone interested in learning more about becoming a CDCES! A special thank you to James Bernasko, Kirsten Ward and Kim Kim for helping to create this video project!

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