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## Message from the CBDCE Chair



**Benjamin Klein**  
Public Member  
2021 CBDCE Chair

Dear CDCES Community,

I hope this letter finds you all sharing the same level of optimism that much of our community is experiencing as we see the number of COVID-19 cases going down and the number of people vaccinated continuing to go up. While it appears that the end is in sight, we know that the pandemic will have far reaching long-term impacts and has cast a light on the significant health inequities that exist in our country and beyond.

Due to the pandemic, these disparities in healthcare have certainly come to the forefront, and we are seeing high-impact efforts launched by many organizations within the healthcare industry. Last year, CBDCE released a statement of solidarity, acknowledging these disparities amongst minority populations and promising to prioritize this topic in upcoming CBDCE Board of Directors discussions.

Today, I am incredibly proud to share two actions that have come as a result of these discussions. In response to these intentional board efforts, the following initiatives have since been launched:

- Development of a CBDCE Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Task Force
- Official launch of the Scholarship Program

We're thrilled to see a high level of interest in the Scholarship Program, which is overseen by our Awards Committee, and we're eager to work closely with our DEI Task Force to look at other ways to further support DEI throughout the organization and certification program. As always, if you have thoughts or suggestions related to any of our initiatives, we strongly encourage you to reach out to our team by emailing [info@cbdce.org](mailto:info@cbdce.org).

On behalf of the Board, I am truly excited and optimistic for all the great initiatives that lie ahead, and I thank you for your continued efforts in improving the lives of people at risk of and living with diabetes.

## 2021 Renewals Opening July 15

The online renewal by CE standard window will open July 15, 2021. Please sign in to your CDCES portal to get prepared to renew your CDCES credential if it is up for renewal in 2021. Do you have questions regarding the certification renewal process? Please visit the [FAQ renewal section](#) in the CDCES portal.

[Sign In](#)

## New! Live Remote Proctoring (LRP)



We are excited to offer Live Remote Proctoring (LRP) beginning sometime in 3rd quarter 2021! Candidates will have the convenience and flexibility of taking the CDCES exam by either testing at a PSI Test Center or by Live Remote Proctoring. The CDCES exam can be delivered to a candidate using their own home computer! Learn more of the requirements of testing at your home with your computer in our [Guide to Live Remote Online Proctoring](#).

[Learn More](#)

## Congratulations! Newly Certified CDCESs



Congratulations to the 249 newly certified CDCESs who passed the exam from March through May 2021. Welcome to the CDCES community! 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

### Scholarship Program: A Big Success

The first annual CDCES scholarship program was a complete success! Over 100 applications were received and represented all of the 5 categories including Diversity &

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

Inclusion; Profession Expansion; Veterans & Active Military Service; Young Professionals, under the age of 30 and Underserved Population. It is anticipated that scholarship winners will be notified in July and announced on our website. Winners will be able to take both the CDCES practice exam and certification exam at no cost. Next year's program will open in first quarter of 2022.

### CDCES Ambassador Program



### New! CDCES Ambassador Program

The Outreach Committee-Candidates Workgroup is working diligently to launch a new Ambassador Program designed to promote awareness of the CDCES credential!

Ambassadors will serve as representatives of CBDCE at various professional public events to actively encourage the path of the credential by providing a standardized brief presentation, provided by CBDCE and be available to answer questions about certification to the participants. Ambassadors

need to make at least two presentations which includes the value of CDCES certification, reasons to certify, and eligibility requirements. Why become a Ambassador? You can advance your professional leadership skills, networking opportunities, play a part in growing the CDCES program, and be recognized for your time and achievements! Are you interested in becoming a CDCES Ambassador? Contact [Susan Hall](#).



### DEI Task Force

### New! DEI Task Force Created

CBDCE has created a new Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Task Force responsible for developing a prioritized plan to support CBDCE's overall mission with a deliberate effort to achieve strategic priorities and influence the culture of CBDCE through the lenses of diversity, equity, and inclusion. The kick-off meeting was held June 5. "I'm excited to get to work with the new DEI Task Force! The task force members represent diverse perspectives that will help facilitate our success. This task force

is an important opportunity to integrate and evaluate DEI throughout our organization. We hope these efforts will make a positive impact on the downstream activities of our certificants and ultimately the care for those with or at risk for diabetes," said Jasmine D. Gonzalvo, DEI Chair, 2021 CBDCE Past-Chair, PharmD, BCPS, CDCES, BC-ADM, LDE, FADCES.



### Help CBDCE Celebrate our Anniversary

Send a brief statement on why you became a CDCES, the benefits of obtaining the credential, and how long you have been a CDCES. Please send a picture of you holding a copy of our 35th anniversary logo which you can [download/print here](#).

Email [Susan Hall](#) the statement and image along with your name, credentials, and city/state. We will share on social media and you will receive 35 free I love my CDCES stickers!

## CDCES Certificant Spotlight

### Meet Qula Madkin, MS, RDN, LD, CDCES

Holding the CDCES credential has opened doors for me to not only be



viewed as a nutrition expert but also as having expertise in diabetes care and education. This credential provides me the opportunity to be a consultant and educator, along with helping to make a difference in people's lives.

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

[Read Qula's Story](#)

## Q & A Corner

### Q & A Corner: Continuing Education



**Q:** Must the minimum of 1000 practice hours relate only to specific patient diabetes care and education services?

**A:** No. We recognize that CDCESs may be working or volunteering in many settings, so the 1000 hours are not related only to specific patient diabetes education services. However, CBDCE does not recognize “employment in the manufacture, direct sales, or distribution of diabetes-related products or services in pharmaceutical or other diabetes-related industries, public health screenings, or jobs or volunteer activities unrelated to diabetes. [Review the details of the renewal practice requirement.](#)

## CDCES Resources Available



### Are you Listed in the Locate a CDCES Directory?

It's important that people with diabetes and health care providers can locate you in the 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!](#)

# Need CDCES Gear?



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Shop  
Now!



## Share the Video on 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! A special thank you to James Bernasko, Kirsten Ward and Kim Kim for helping to create this video!

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