



**COVID-19 PANDEMIC IMPACT ON INITIAL CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**

**IMPORTANT**

TEMPORARY CHANGES ANNOUNCED FOR PRACTICE EXPERIENCE IN DIABETES CARE AND EDUCATION REQUIREMENT FOR INITIAL CERTIFICATION

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 certification. **These changes will take effect April 1, 2021.**

**DCE Professional Practice Experience Requirement Changes**

- 1) For applications submitted through 2022, minimum DCE experience needed in prior 12 months reduced from 400 hours to 200 hours; and
- 2) For applications submitted through 2023, minimum 1000 hours (or 2000 hours for unique qualifications pathway) of DCE experience needed can be accrued over a longer period of time. The time frame is increased from 4 years from application date to 5 years from application date.

| <b>STANDARD PATHWAY</b>                              |  |  |  |
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| DCE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT     | WITHOUT ADJUSTMENTS  | WITH ADJUSTMENTS APPLICATION SUBMITTED IN 2021 OR 2022 | WITH ADJUSTMENTS APPLICATION SUBMITTED IN 2023 |
| Current DCE experience (12 months prior to applying) | At least 400 hours of DCE in last 12 months                | At least 200 hours of DCE in last 12 months            | At least 400 hours of DCE in last 12 months    |
| Total DCE experience needed prior to applying        | Total 1000 hours in no more than 4 years prior to applying | Total 1000 hours of DCE within 5 years                 | Total 1000 hours of DCE within 5 years         |

| <b>UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS (UQ) PATHWAY</b>            |  |  |  |
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| DCE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT     | WITHOUT ADJUSTMENTS  | WITH ADJUSTMENTS APPLICATION SUBMITTED IN 2021 OR 2022 | WITH ADJUSTMENTS APPLICATION SUBMITTED IN 2023 |
| Current DCE experience (12 months prior to applying) | At least 400 hours of DCE in last 12 months                | At least 200 hours of DCE in last 12 months            | At least 400 hours of DCE in last 12 months    |
| Total DCE experience needed prior to applying        | Total 2000 hours in no more than 4 years prior to applying | Total 2000 hours of DCE within 5 years                 | Total 2000 hours of DCE within 5 years         |