



## COVID-19 PANDEMIC IMPACT ON INITIAL CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

### IMPORTANT

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

To address the continuing 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 an extension of the temporary changes to the professional practice requirement relating to DCE for initial certification. **The extension of the temporary changes, originally effective on April 1, 2021, were approved May 2022 by the CBDCE Board of Directors.**

With the May 2022 decision, DCE Professional Practice Experience Requirement Changes are identified below:

1. For applications submitted through 2024\*, minimum DCE experience needed in prior 12 months reduced from 400 hours to 200 hours; and
2. For applications submitted through 2026\*\*, 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.

STANDARD PATHWAY			
DCE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT	WITHOUT ADJUSTMENTS	WITH ADJUSTMENTS APPLICATION SUBMITTED IN 2021 THROUGH 2024*	WITH ADJUSTMENTS APPLICATION SUBMITTED IN 2025 THROUGH 2026**
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

UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS (UQ) PATHWAY			
DCE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT	WITHOUT ADJUSTMENTS	WITH ADJUSTMENTS APPLICATION SUBMITTED IN 2021 THROUGH 2024*	WITH ADJUSTMENTS APPLICATION SUBMITTED IN 2025 THROUGH 2026**
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

\* Temporary change was originally to end 2022

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