



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

**TEMPORARY CHANGES MOVED TO PERMANENT STATE FOR PRACTICE EXPERIENCE
IN DIABETES CARE AND EDUCATION REQUIREMENT FOR INITIAL CERTIFICATION**

In 2021 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 approved temporary changes to the professional practice requirement relating to DCE for initial certification.

In November 2023, The CBDCE Board approved moving the temporary changes to the professional practice requirement relating to DCE for initial certification from temporary to permanent state effective January 1, 2024.

With the November 2023 decision, DCE Professional Practice Experience Requirement Changes for applications submitted from 1/1/2024 and forward:

1. Minimum DCE experience needed in prior 12 months permanently reduced from 400 hours to 200 hours; and
2. Minimum 1000 hours (or 2000 hours for unique qualifications pathway) of DCE experience needed prior to application, the accrual period permanently increased from 4 years from application date to 5 years from application date.

STANDARD PATHWAY		
DCE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT	WITHOUT ADJUSTMENTS (PRIOR REQUIREMENT)	PERMANENT REQUIREMENT CHANGE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FROM 1/1/2024 AND FORWARD*
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
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

UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS PATHWAY		
DCE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT	WITHOUT ADJUSTMENTS (PRIOR REQUIREMENT)	PERMANENT REQUIREMENT CHANGE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED 1/1/2024 AND FORWARD*
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
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

* Temporary changes were originally to set to end 2022 – 2025 were approved in November 2023 to move from temporary to permanent changes in the eligibility requirements for initial certification.