



**Summary Examination Statistics
for the
Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist
Certification Program
July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026**

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The mission of the Certification Board for Diabetes Care and Education (CBDCE) is to promote quality diabetes care, education, prevention and support by providing certification and credentialing programs that incorporate and reflect best practices.

To inform the public, potential candidates, and those currently holding the Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist® (CDCES®) credential, CBDCE publishes a summary of the results of the certification examinations for diabetes care and education specialists (Examination) on an annual basis, using July to June data matching the examination development schedule.

Examination Information and Statistics: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

The current Examination Content Outline (ECO) was implemented beginning with the July 2024 examinations, reflecting the results of a 2023 practice analysis that will be in effect until a new practice analysis is completed. Questions on the Examination were linked directly to a task or tasks on the pertinent ECO. Each question, therefore, was designed to test if the candidate possessed the knowledge necessary to perform the task or had the ability to apply it to a job situation.

CBDCE has offered year-round application submission and testing since 2016. Individuals apply to take the Examination year-round at a time convenient to their own schedules, and the online Examination registration is a fast and simple process. Once approved, individuals have 90 days to schedule and take the Examination. Beginning in January 2022, candidates were able to choose between taking the Examination in-person at a testing center or virtually via live remote proctoring (LRP).

From July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, a total of 1768 candidates for the CDCES® certification program took the Examination. Of that total, 82% took the Examination for the first time and 15% had previously taken the Examination. Refer to Table 1. **Examination Statistics – July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 – Pass Rates by Testing Modality** for more details. A very small number of individuals were taking the Examination to reinstate credentials that had expired or renew their certification status.

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Table 1. Examination Statistics – July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 – Pass Rates by Testing Modality

Candidates Testing - First Time: July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026	Number Tested	Pass Rate
At a Test Center	1118	63%
Live Remote Proctoring	334	56%
Total: First Time Candidates	1452	61%

Candidates Testing - Repeating Due to Unsuccessful Previous Attempt(s): July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026	Number Tested	Pass Rate
At a Test Center	230	43%
Live Remote Proctoring	42	43%
Total: Repeat Testers	272	43%

CBDCE

Founded in 1986, CBDCE is a national not-for-profit certifying body that awards the Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist (CDCES) and Board Certified-Advanced Diabetes Management (BC-ADM) credentials. CBDCE's mission is to promote comprehensive and ongoing quality diabetes clinical management, education, prevention and support by defining, developing, maintaining, and protecting the certification and credentialing processes. Learn more at www.cbdce.org.

CDCES® Credential

The credential demonstrates to people with prediabetes and diabetes, employers, and third-party payers that the CDCES® possesses distinct and specialized knowledge, thereby promoting quality of care for people with diabetes. When the first Examination was offered in 1986, 1,248 health professionals successfully completed the certification process to become the inaugural group of CDEs. The CDE® credential transitioned to the new title of CDCES® in 2020. Accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies, through the end of 2025 there were 19,133 CDCES® credentialed health professionals. (cite date April, 2026).The CDCES® credential has become the recognized standard for competence in diabetes care and education. As the number of individuals diagnosed with prediabetes and diabetes continues to increase, it is important for them to have access to the services of a CDCES®.