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Message from the CBDCE Chair

Nancy D'Hondt, RPh, FADCES, CDCES[®]

2025 CBDCE Chair



Dear Diabetes Care &
Education Community,

***Who We Are, What We Do,
Where We're Going***

The current board leveraged these three tenets of visioning to create our new strategic plan for the next three years. I commend the board for thinking beyond the virtual "boxes" we inhabit and dreaming big. As healthcare providers, we rely on science and outcomes, becoming comfortable in our practices and routines, which is where we tend to remain. However, as leaders, we are tasked with challenging ourselves to see beyond the familiar, to identify opportunities and pathways that advance our specialty, and to build the evidence demonstrating our value. This is where the board has defined its goals for the future. Over the next few years, we aim to actively promote our current credentials, expand our portfolio of offerings, support and advocate for the value of our services through research, explore partnerships to create recognizable pathways within academia and enhance the visibility and integration of CBDCE credentialed individuals (CDCES and BC-ADM) within the care team. These are exciting times, and the CBDCE leadership team and staff are prepared for the challenges ahead.

I invite you to visit the CBDCE website to see what's happening. We have launched an ambassador program designed to raise awareness and enhance communication about the value of our credentials across various venues and audiences. We welcome our eight current ambassadors, express our gratitude for their dedication to our specialty, and invite you to engage with their voices.

I want to take a moment to recognize your dedication to improving the lives of those we serve. Finding a profession you love enhances your happiness and motivates you to give your best. When you're passionate about your work, it positively impacts those

around you. Aligning your interests with your career creates a fulfilling journey. This satisfaction in making a difference is what drives us. Thank you for all you do!

Our board application site opens on April 1. Please [visit our website](#) for more information. We have two positions available for CBDCE-credentialed individuals from any discipline and one opening for a public member. Join our team and help us shape the future together!

Respectfully,



Nancy D'Hondt, RPh, FADCES, CDCES®

CBDCE Acquires BC-ADM



In January 2025, ownership of the BC-ADM® certification program transitioned from ADCES to CBDCE. The transition highlights the successful relationship between ADCES and CBDCE and supports the organizations' roles in the diabetes space. The BC-ADM credential is available to healthcare professionals who have demonstrated expertise in advanced diabetes management and passed a rigorous exam. Within their scope of practice, they adjust medications, treat and monitor acute/chronic complications, provide lifestyle modification counseling, address psychosocial issues, and

participate in research and mentoring. Many holding the BC-ADM certification are also CDCESs, and we are happy that the programs are under one organization. We welcome those professionals who are aren't CDCESs but hold the BC-ADM. [Learn more about the BC-ADM.](#)

New! Ambassador Program

CBDCE is excited to announce the launch of its Ambassador Program, a volunteer initiative born from the dedicated efforts of the CBDCE Outreach Candidates Workgroup members. The program aims to enhance communication and raise awareness about the diabetes care and education profession and the importance of the CDCES credential. Ambassadors will serve as key representatives of CBDCE, actively engaging with diverse audiences in various professional settings, including healthcare networks, industry associations, universities, student groups/chapters, and the broader diabetes community. [A big thank you to our current list of Ambassadors!](#) If you are interested in becoming an Ambassador, you can contact marketing@cbdce.org. The ambassadors will offer virtual or in-person presentations highlighting the value of certification and how professionals can achieve CDCES certification. As we have transitioned the BC-ADM program to CBDCE, we are also committed to creating a BC-ADM-specific presentation—stay tuned! If you know of any virtual presentation opportunity within your network, we encourage you to contact us at marketing@cbdce.org. Let's work together to spread the word about the value of certification in diabetes care and education!

CDCES Portal

We recently moved to a new platform, and your CDCES account has been set up for you on the new platform using the email address on record. However, you must reset your password if you haven't logged into your account this year.

To log in to reset your password on your CDCES account:

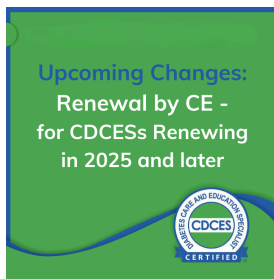
1. Go to www.cbdce.org > click on Sign In
2. Enter your email address of record as your username. If you don't recall what email address is on record, please email the CBDCE team with your name and month/day of your birthday or CDCES

- number at info@cbdce.org. You may also use the contact form.
3. Select CONTINUE
 4. Click on Forgot Password > then enter your username again > follow the instructions.
 5. You will receive an email to reset your password. If you do not see the reset email in your inbox, please check your spam/junk folder.

***VERY IMPORTANT NOTE:** If the system does not recognize the email address you entered as your username, it likely means we have a different one on record. In this case, **don't create a new record—please contact info@cbdce.org**. Creating a new record will NOT allow you to connect to current certification information and/or history. It will make it difficult for you to access your current record to recertify promptly and will require extra steps/time for you and the CBDCE team to straighten out a situation where you end up with multiple records. **If any of your contact information has changed, make sure you update it in your CDCES record.**

Important Announcements

Meet your [2025 CBDCE Board of Directors](#). This group of outstanding health professionals is committed to driving the mission of the CBDCE with bold and visionary ideas. You can learn more about the [CBDCE's strategic plan](#) for the next 3 years led by the Board and staff. The CBDCE Board of Directors will look for two CDCESs and one public member to fill Board openings that will begin their terms in January 2026. The application window will open April 1 to June 1, 2025. [Click here for more information.](#)



To further promote quality diabetes care and education and engage in ongoing professional development, the CBDCE Board changed the requirements for renewal of the CDCES by continuing education (CE). These changes will apply to CDCESs renewing their credential in 2025 and later. Learn more: www.cbdce.org/ce-renewal-changes.

CBDCE is accepting applications to serve on the Board of Directors. Applications will be accepted from April 1 to June 1, 2025 (5:00pm CT). For the 2025 election, with a term of service starting January 1, 2026, for those elected, CBDCE is looking to fill two (2) open positions, and one public member. The open positions for a CDCES can be from any discipline. Individuals elected will serve a four-year term. All applicants for the CDCES seats must be diabetes care and education specialists with active certification in CBDCE. [Learn More!](#)



Scholarship opportunities are available for future diabetes care and education specialists. The [2025 Scholarship Program](#) accepts applications from March 15 to May 15, 2025. Scholarship recipients can take the practice examination for the Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist (CDCES) credential at no cost. In addition, recipients can apply for the Certification Examination one time, also at no cost. Recipients have up to 2 years from the award date to utilize the scholarship benefits. Be sure to share with your colleagues!

The CBDCE Mentor Spotlight Award recognizes a dedicated CDCES who has made a significant impact through the Mentorship Program. This award honors individuals who have demonstrated outstanding mentorship to mentees preparing to sit for the CDCES exam—the 2025 Mentor Spotlight Award applications opened on March 15. [To nominate your Mentor, you can click here.](#)



CDCES Story



Meet Madeleine Fitzgerald, MS, RDN, LDN, CPT, CDCES®

"My journey to becoming a CDCES was not a solitary one. It was fueled by the support and guidance of my dietetic preceptor for my outpatient rotation, who was studying for the CDCES exam. He was always impressed with and appreciative of my counseling skills in the outpatient setting. I found a passion within myself that I did not know existed."

If you are interested in being featured in a future CDCES story, please contact [Susan Hall](#).

[Read Madeleine's Story](#)

Q & A Corner

Q: What is Exactly Required for 2025 & Beyond Renewal by CE Changes?

A: You will need to take two (2) activities within your accrual cycle pertaining to the annual release of the American Diabetes Association's Standards of Care for Diabetes (Annual Updates). You may take the two (2) activities at any time during your accrual cycle.

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