



CBDCE News
Official E-Newsletter of the Certification
Board for Diabetes Care and Education

Consistent. Coordinated. Compassionate.

Dear Diabetes Care & Education Community,

Every person living with diabetes deserves nothing less than evidence-based, person-centered care, delivered by health professionals who have demonstrated their expertise. That belief is at the heart of CBDCE certification. When prescribers, diabetes care and education specialists, and every member of the support team are certified, the impact is measurable: access to cutting-edge technology, the safest approach to current therapy options, and, for people with diabetes, fewer complications and lives lived with confidence!



That's why I'm excited about where CBDCE is headed. As we look at expanding our initiatives, we are thinking about the full care team, not just the specialists at the center but every credentialed individual whose knowledge and commitment shape the experience of someone living with diabetes. Certification is not just a badge for our walls; it's a promise to patients that the guidance they receive is grounded in science, sharpened by practice, and kept current through continuous learning.

Diabetes care and education is like a team sport. Excellence happens when everyone is prepared to the highest standard. From the BC-ADM who manages complex medication regimens to the CDCES who empowers patients to achieve their behavioral and treatment goals, to the medical assistant who may be the first point of care for individuals diagnosed with diabetes, optimized team-based care delivery is consistent, coordinated, and compassionate.

As your 2026 CBDCE Chair, I call on and encourage health systems, payers, and leaders to champion certified professionals at every level. [As we celebrate our 40th year](#), we honor the foundation that brought us here and remain dedicated to advancing certification that strengthens teams and improves the daily lives of people living with diabetes.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Joanne Rinker'.

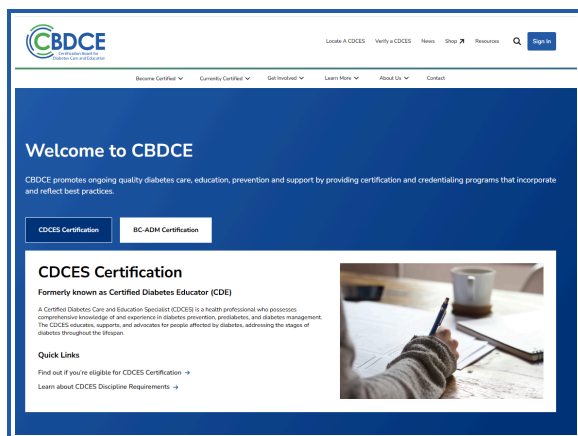
Joanne Rinker, MS, RDN, CDCES, BC-ADM, LDN, FADCES



CBDCE celebrates 40 years of credentialing excellence and advancing quality diabetes care. Throughout the year, we are commemorating this milestone on social media by sharing history trivia, honoring our inaugural 1986 exam-takers, spotlighting newly certified professionals, volunteers, and employees, showcasing vintage photos, and launching a dedicated digital ad campaign. Look out for ongoing content on our social media platforms celebrating our 40th anniversary. We thank the certified health professionals, board members, committees, ambassadors, industry partners, and volunteers who have shaped the CBDCE journey. Here's to continued learning, meaningful progress, and unwavering support for our diabetes care and education community.

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CBDCE Newly Enhanced Website



CBDCE is excited to introduce a newly enhanced website experience designed to better serve certificants and the diabetes care and education community. The updated site offers a more seamless, intuitive user journey with improved navigation and functionality. Key enhancements include an updated user profile experience, a streamlined certification management system supporting both CDCES and BC-ADM certifications, and new single sign-on capabilities for easier access.

The "Locate a CDCES" directory has also been redesigned with an improved map interface and advanced search filters, making it simpler to connect with qualified professionals. Backend integrations strengthen CBDCE's certification management platform, allowing greater flexibility for future growth. These updates show CBDCE's ongoing commitment to making the digital experience more accessible and user-centered for certificants and the diabetes care community.

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Certification Stats

Since the first exam in 1986, when 1,248 professionals earned the CDCES certification, our community has grown to nearly 19,000 CDCESs in 2026. RD/RDNs now represent the largest share of certificants, followed by nurses, pharmacists, and other specialties, reflecting team-based diabetes care. The BC-ADM credential has also grown 33% since 2021, signaling sustained demand for advanced practice certification. Looking ahead, we will continue to strengthen certification pathways that support high-quality diabetes care and education.

CBDCE & DDPG Exclusive Offer

CBDCE, in collaboration with the DDPG, is offering a special discount bundle exclusively for all CBDCE certificants for the Cutting Edge Nutrition & Diabetes Care publication. A limited number of discounts are available, so act now. Offer ends May 31, 2026.



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UPCOMING DEADLINES

May 15	CDCES Scholarship Program Applications Due
May 15	BC-ADM Scholarship Program Applications Due (Dec. 2026 Testing Window)
May 15	BC-ADM June Testing Window Deadline to Apply
June 1	Board of Directors Application Deadline
July 15	CDCES Renewal Cycle Opens



"People living with diabetes are my greatest motivation. I see individuals doing the hard work of daily diabetes management: monitoring, adjusting, and showing up, yet still experiencing challenges. Not from a lack of effort, but because care plans don't always align with their lived realities. That disconnect stayed with me."

Joycelyn "Joy" Ashby Cornthwaite, MBA, MS, RD, LD, CDCES®



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