



## Summary of the Renewal by Continuing Education Pathway Statistics for the Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist Certification Program 2025

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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 renewal of certification by continuing education pathway (Renewal by CE) applications processed the previous year.

### **Renewal of Certification by Continuing Education Pathway Administration - 2025**

Renewal of certification by continuing education (Renewal by CE) in 2025 (and later) required that CDCESs hold the license or registration for the same discipline held at the time of initial certification; and during the five-year recertification cycle: a) meet the renewal practice requirement of 1000 hours of professional practice; and b) earn 75 hours of continuing education (CE) in content areas applicable to diabetes. In addition, to support continued competence and further promote quality diabetes care and education, the CBDCE Board of Directors made the following changes to the requirement for renewal by CE, effective with CDCESs renewing in 2025 and later: (1) required to participate in two (2) CE activities (either in-person or virtual) related to the annual release of American Diabetes Association's Standards of Care for Diabetes; and (2) are encouraged, but not required, to participate in CE activities that cover the following topics: education principals, diabetes-related technology, leadership, population health, or diversity, equity, inclusion or accessibility in support of the change in the specialty. These changes took effect with CDCESs renewing in 2025.

For CDCESs who meet the practice experience requirement, renewal by CE may be used for each renewal. A CDCES® who cannot document meeting the practice requirement must accrue the required practice or CE hours at the time of application for the Examination and successfully pass the Examination.

A total of 2,740 CDCESs submitted applications for renewal by CE; more than 97% successfully completed the process.

### **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 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](http://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 May, 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®.