



2019 Initial Certification Requirements† Review

Please review before completing application.

NOTE: The Certification Examination for Diabetes Educators is designed and intended for health professionals who have responsibilities that include the direct provision of diabetes education (DE), as defined by NCBDE. Refer to Definition of Diabetes Education section, page 5.

†This review list represents a summary of requirements. See pages 4-5 for all details.

Yes No

- 1. As a clinical psychologist, registered nurse, occupational therapist, optometrist, pharmacist, physical therapist, physician, podiatrist, master certified health education specialist, certified clinical exercise physiologist, registered dietitian, dietitian nutritionist, or registered PA, is your license, certification or registration current, active and unrestricted?*

OR

Do you hold a minimum of a master’s degree in social work from a United States college or university accredited by a nationally recognized regional accrediting body?

OR

If you do not meet either of these, you are encouraged to investigate NCBDE’s Unique Qualifications Pathway. Please visit our website for more information on that pathway.

- 2. Has your practice experience occurred within the United States or its territories?
3. Has all your practice experience occurred since you met requirement #1 above?
4. Do you have a minimum of 2 calendar years (to the day) of practice experience since you received the license, registration or advanced degree as outlined above?
5. Have you accrued 1000 hours of practice experience in diabetes education (DE) within the last 4 years?
6. Has a minimum of 40% (or 400 hours) of the 1000 hours of DE practice experience been accrued within the past year?
7. Have you completed a minimum of 15 hours of continuing education activities** applicable to diabetes within the past 2 years?

If the answer to any of the above questions is “no”, you are not ready to apply for the Certification Examination for Diabetes Educators.

Before submitting an application, please refer to the application checklist on page 38 in the instruction section of the Handbook.

* See Eligibility Requirements for Initial Certification, page 4, 1. A., B. or C. for specific licensure/certification/ registration requirements.

** See Continuing Education Guidelines, pages 21-22, for details.

INITIAL

