



# National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators

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(Arlington Heights, IL – January 3, 2018) – The National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators (NCBDE) announces that Joan Bardsley, MBA, RN, CDE®, FADE, Assistant Vice President of Nursing and Clinical Integration for MedStar Health Research Institute (MHRI) and MedStar Corporate Nursing will serve as Chair of the organization in 2018.

“Joan continues a tradition of bringing strong leadership skills to the role of Chair. In addition, being a nationally recognized professional in the field of diabetes education and care, as well as having extensive experience serving in leadership roles at MHRI and other not for profit organizations, will support NCBDE in its efforts to promote certification and the organization,” said NCBDE’s Chief Executive Officer Sheryl Traficano, MBA, CAE.

As Chair, Ms. Bardsley will lead the organization as it works to promote comprehensive and ongoing quality diabetes education and support through an accredited program for health professionals seeking to become Certified Diabetes Educators (CDEs). “As our health care environment evolves and the health of our population is seriously impacted by the epidemic of diabetes, NCBDE’s commitment to providing a robust certification program will continue to serve as a way that people affected by diabetes can identify health professionals who are passionate and dedicated to providing quality education and support.”

Ms. Bardsley has held many key leadership roles, including service as President of the American Association of Diabetes Educators (AADE) in 2014 and AADE’s Board of Directors from 2007-2010 and 2012-2015. In addition to her volunteer roles with AADE, Ms. Bardsley has been active with the American Diabetes Association.

NCBDE is a national not-for-profit certification organization that is responsible for overseeing the certification program for diabetes educators and awarding the CDE® credential to qualified individuals. There are currently over 19,400 health professionals holding the CDE® credential. The CDE® program is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

NCBDE was established in 1986 to develop and administer a certification program for health professionals who teach individuals with diabetes how to self-manage their disease. NCBDE's mission is to promote comprehensive and ongoing quality diabetes education and support by defining, developing, maintaining, and protecting the certification and credentialing processes. NCBDE supports the concept of voluntary, periodic certification for all diabetes educators who meet credential and experience eligibility requirements. For more information on NCBDE, visit the web site at [www.ncbde.org](http://www.ncbde.org) or contact the national office at [info@ncbde.org](mailto:info@ncbde.org) or 847-228-9795.

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