



National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators

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Summary of the 2006 Certification Examinations and Renewal of Certification by Continuing Education

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To inform the public, potential candidates, and those currently certified, NCBDE each year publishes a summary of the results of the certification examinations (Examinations) administered the previous year, and the results of renewal of certification by continuing education, available since 2005.

Certification Examination for Diabetes Educators — 2006

In 2006, a total of 1,546 candidates took the certification examination, 734 in May and 812 in October. Of the total, 66% took the examination for the first time, 17% had previously taken the examination, but had not passed, 10% were previously certified individuals whose credentials had lapsed, and 7% renewed certification status.

Pass/Fail Statistics

May 2006	Total	Pass	Fail
Candidates writing the examination for the first time	473	80.34%	19.66%
Candidates renewing credentials	30	93.33%	6.67%
Candidates with lapsed credentials	104	88.46%	11.54%
Candidates repeating due to unsuccessful attempt(s)	127	44.09%	55.91%
All Candidates May Administration	734	75.75%	24.25%
October 2006	Total	Pass	Fail
Candidates writing the examination for the first time	547	79.52%	20.48%
Candidates renewing credentials	84	98.81%	1.19%
Candidates with lapsed credentials	49	89.80%	10.20%
Candidates repeating due to unsuccessful attempt(s)	132	38.64%	61.36%
All Candidates October Administration	812	75.49%	24.51%

2006 Renewal of Certification by Continuing Education

Beginning in 2005, Certified Diabetes Educators had renewal of certification by continuing education available as an alternative to the requirement to take and pass the Certification Examination. Renewal by continuing education requires that CDEs meet eligibility requirements and earn 75 hours of continuing education in diabetes related content areas during the five year certification cycle. The renewal by continuing education option may be used each time recertification is due, provided the credential has not lapsed.

Implementation of the plan on a prorated basis required that CDEs whose credentials would expire on 12/31/2006 complete 30 hours of approved continuing education between January 1, 2004 and September 15, 2006. Approximately 2,200 CDEs submitted applications for renewal of certification by continuing education; more than 98% successfully completed the process.

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NCBDE was established in 1986 to promote the interests of diabetes educators and the public at large by granting certification to qualified health care professionals involved in teaching persons with diabetes

through the establishment of eligibility requirements and development of a written examination. When the first examination was offered in 1986, 1,248 health care providers successfully completed the certification process to become the inaugural group of CDEs. The NCBDE certification process is a voluntary testing program used to assess the qualified health care professional's knowledge in diabetes self-management education. There were 15,029 credentialed CDE[®] health care providers as of January 1, 2007.

CDE[®] Credential

The credential demonstrates to people with diabetes, employers, and third party payers that the Certified Diabetes Educator possesses distinct and specialized knowledge, thereby promoting quality of care for patients with diabetes. This certification has become the recognized standard for competence in diabetes self-management education. As the number of individuals diagnosed with diabetes continues to increase, it is important for them to have access to the services of Certified Diabetes Educators. NCBDE is committed to maintaining the quality and integrity of the CDE[®] credential.