



National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators

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Summary of the 2008 Certification Examinations and Renewal of Certification by Continuing Education

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Through the development, maintenance and protection of the certification process and the Certified Diabetes Educator® ("CDE"®) credential, the National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators ("NCBDE") recognizes and advances the specialty practice of diabetes education. This is the mission of NCBDE.

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 — 2008

In 2008, a total of 1,660 candidates took the certification examination, 763 in May and 897 in October. Of the total, 67.5% took the examination for the first time, 15% had previously taken the examination, but had not passed, 5.3% were previously certified individuals whose credentials had lapsed, and 12.2% renewed certification status.

Pass/Fail Statistics

May 2008	Total	Pass	Fail
Candidates writing the examination for the first time	512	80.86%	19.14%
Candidates renewing certification by examination	65	100.00%	0.00%
Candidates with lapsed credentials	63	93.65%	6.35%
Candidates repeating due to unsuccessful previous attempt(s)	123	48.78%	51.22%
Total Candidates May Administration	763	78.37%	21.63%
October 2008	Total	Pass	Fail
Candidates writing the examination for the first time	608	79.28%	20.72%
Candidates renewing certification by examination	137	97.81%	2.19%
Candidates with lapsed credentials	25	92.00%	8.00%
Candidates repeating due to unsuccessful previous attempt(s)	127	44.88%	55.12%
Total Candidates October Administration	897	77.59%	22.41%

2008 Renewal of Certification by Continuing Education

Renewal by continuing education requires that CDEs continue to hold the license or registration for the same discipline held at the time of initial certification and earn 75 hours of continuing education in content areas applicable to diabetes 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 had an expiration date of 12/31/2008 had to complete 60 hours of approved continuing education between January 1, 2004 and September 15, 2008. Just over 2,000 CDEs submitted applications for renewal of certification by continuing education; more than 99% 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 16,068 credentialed CDE[®] health care providers as of January 1, 2009.

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.