#### Welcome to Preparing for the CDE<sup>®</sup>Exam 2012



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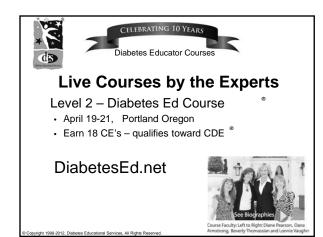


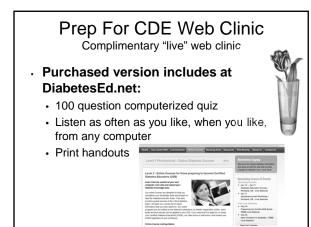
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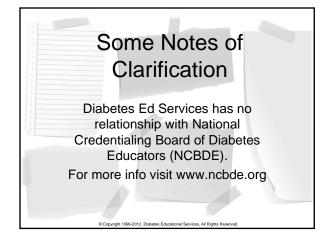


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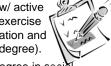
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#### Professional Qualifications to take CDE<sup>®</sup>- excerpted from NCBDE

- RN, clinical psychologist, OT, optometrist, pharmacist, PT, (M.D. or D.O.), or podiatrist w/ current license from U.S. or its territories.
- RD w/ CDR registration, PA w/ active registration with NCCPA, or exercise physiologist w/ active certification and Registered CEP® (master's degree).



HCP w/ at least a master's degree in social work from accredited U.S. College

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#### Why Take the CDE<sup>®</sup>Exam



- Demonstrates to people with diabetes, employers, and third party payers that the CDE<sup>®</sup> possesses distinct and specialized knowledge, thereby promoting quality of care for patients with diabetes.
- CDE<sup>®</sup> is the recognized standard for competence in diabetes self-management education.
- Given the diabetes epidemic, access to CDE<sup>®</sup>s is critical

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#### 2012 - Professional Practice Experience - Must meet all

• A <u>minimum</u> of two years (to the day) of professional practice experience in the discipline under which one is applying for certification

AND

- Minimum of 1,000 hours of professional practice experience in diabetes self-management education with a minimum of 40% (400 hours = about 8 hrs a week) accrued in the most recent year preceding application. AND
- Minimum of 15 clock hours of continuing education activities applicable to diabetes within the 2 years prior to applying for certification.

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## Professional Practice Experience - Defined

- "Employment for compensation as a diabetes educator in the U.S. or its territories w/in past 4 years".
- "Must hold a job in which one is engaged in diabetes self-management education and **paid** comparably to other diabetes educators in same region".
- Only experience occurring <u>AFTER</u> completing your professional degree can be counted toward the Professional Practice Experience requirement.

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#### Get hours through Mentorship New Starting 2011

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 400 of the needed professional practice hours can be gained by completing a mentorship with NCBDE approved mentor.



#### Mentee Eligibility Requirements for Volunteer DSME

• Meet NCBDE <u>discipline requirements</u> in effect at the time of application

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- Volunteer hrs must be accrued w/in 4 yrs immediately prior to CDE application
- DSME volunteer hours w/ NCBDE Mentor
- Maximum of 400 volunteer hours of the total 1000 hrs of DSME experience
- Hours provided in Accredited Program or program in compliance with national stds Copyright 1992 2012, Datasets Educational Services, At Rights Reserved.

#### Professional practice experiences NOT considered diabetes education



- diabetes related functions performed as part of or in the course of other routine occupational duties (e.g., routine nursing care, routine nutritional counseling, routine pharmacy practice)
- providing continuing education to professionals
- supervising and managing other professionals
- volunteer activities, including diabetes camp
- any experience in a student capacity
- membership and committee work in professional organizations

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#### Not considered diabetes education experience cont'd

- providing medical assessment, diagnosis, or treatment
- conducting/participating in research activities
- · dispensing/prescribing medications or diabetes supplies
- promoting or selling meds or diabetes supplies and products
- employment by manufacturers of diabetes products and/or product services (e.g., insulin delivery devices)
- having diabetes or caring for family member w/diabetes
- any work experience in practice settings outside the
- United States or its territories
- Work experience > 4 years prior to date of application

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#### Diabetes Self Management Education (DSME)

- Ongoing process of facilitating knowledge, skill, and ability necessary for self-care.
- Incorporates needs, goals and life experiences and is guided by evidence-based standards.
- . Goal is to support
  - informed decision-making,
  - self-care behaviors,
  - problem-solving and
  - active collaboration with health care team to improve clinical outcomes, health status, and quality of life.

#### What's included in DSME?

1. Assessment and education plan developed by individual and educator(s) to direct

- appropriate educational interventions and
   self-management support strategies.
- 2. Educational interventions to help individual
  - achieve self-management goals.

 Periodic evaluations to determine if goals met
 A personalized follow-up plan for ongoing self management support.

5. Documentation

#### Applying to take the CDE<sup>®</sup> Exam



At the time of your online application you will receive:

- On-line notification of either approval
- Or that you have been selected for audit
- If you are submitting a paper application, call AMP if it has been more than 4 weeks since application was mailed and you have not received notice of receipt or audit. Call the AMP at (913) 895-4600

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# What is included in audit if requested?



- Licensure
- Documentation of Professional Practice
   Experience

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- CE course verification
- Employment verification signed by supervisor

#### Test Now Computerized



- Window to apply for Spring testing
   Jan 15 March 15 Take test in May -June
- Window to apply for Fall testing
   July 15 Sept 15 Take test in Nov-Dec
- Once you receive confirmation of eligibility
  - schedule an appointment to take the examination on a first-come, first-served basis
  - at one of more than 170 AMP Assessment Centers throughout the U.S. and select international locations

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#### Overview of CDE<sup>®</sup>Exam



- Composed of 200 multiple-choice, objective questions with a total testing time of four (4) hours.
- Based on a content outline developed from a job analysis completed in 2008, which surveyed diabetes educators about the tasks they performed.

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### Exam Details

- Questions are linked directly to a task or tasks.
- Each question is designed to test if the candidate possesses the knowledge necessary to perform the task or has the ability to apply it to a job situation.
- 25 of the 200 questions are new but are **not** counted in the determination of individual examination scores.



CDE <sup>®</sup> Exam Pass/Fail Stats			
May 2008	Total	Pass	Fail
Candidates writing the examination for the first	t time 512	80.86%	19.14%
Candidates renewing certification by examinat	tion 65	100.00%	0.00%
<ul> <li>Candidates with lapsed credentials</li> </ul>	63	93.65%	6.35%
• Repeating due to unsuccessful previous attern	npt(s) 123	48.78%	51.22%
<ul> <li>Total Candidates May Administration</li> </ul>	763	78.37%	21.63%
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#### Exam Content

Assessment (45)

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- Learning/Self-Care Behaviors (15)
- Medical, Psycho-Socioeconomic and Health Status (10)
- Current Knowledge and Practices Related to Diabetes Care (20)

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#### Exam Content

- Intervention (112)
  - Collaboration with Patient, Family, Caregiver, and Healthcare Team (14)



- Teach/Counsel Regarding Principles of Diabetes Care (70)
- Review, Evaluation, Revision, and Documentation (14)
- Follow-up and Referral Recommendations (14)

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#### **Exam Content**

Program Development and

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- Administration (18)
- Diabetes Patient Education Program (8)
   Evaluate Outcomes and Quality (6)
- Promote Diabetes Advocacy (4)
- For detailed outline go to: http://www.ncbde.org/exam\_outline.cfm

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#### Scoring the Exam

- Reported as raw and scaled scores
  - Raw score: number of right answers
  - Scaled score: statistically derived from the raw score
- Total score determines pass/fail and is reported as a scaled score ranging between 0 and 99
- To pass: 70 scaled score units

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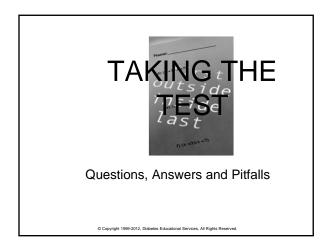


#### When will I get my results

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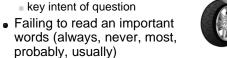
- You will receive your test results the same day
- You can retake the test as many times as needed
- Cost –
- 1<sup>st</sup> time \$350
   Renewal \$250





#### Reading too Fast Pitfalls

 Choosing a "good" answer, but not the right one for the stem
 key intent of question



 Choosing an answer you did not understand because the others seem too easy

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#### Empowerment Errors



- Focusing on the medical need rather than the psychosocial needs
- Failing to keep in mind the patient's characteristics (age, type of diabetes, etc.)



#### Thinking Pitfalls

- Imaging a right answer and getting thrown when it is not among the choices
- Over thinking question/answers
- Choosing an answer that did not fit the situation
- Being thrown by a technical term you did not know



### Take a Practice Test – Learn how to "work" test questions

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- Make sure you REALLY understand the question
- Find the stem
   Identifies key intent of the question
- Read all the options or answers
- Eliminate obvious wrong answers
- Select BEST option



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### Look for Clues in The Answers



- If two answers are opposites or similar, one of them is probably correct
- Answers with the following words are usually incorrect: always, never, all, none, only, must, and completely
- Answers with the following words are usually correct: seldom, most, generally, tend to, probably, usually

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# Getting to the Right Answers



- Do not leave any answers blank
- Look for clues in the question

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- Don't get lured in by juicy answers
- Avoid imposing your life experience into the question/answer
- Keep breathing
- Even simple math problem should be worked out on scratch paper

#### Three Types of Questions

- Recall facts, principles, procedures
- Application ie application of knowledge that varies based on pt characteristics
- Analysis integration or synthesis of a variety of concepts or elements (ie evaluating complex problems with many variables.



#### Sample Question -1

- Which of the following would suggest a diagnosis of new onset type 1 diabetes vs
  - type 2 diabetes? A. Hyperglycemia
  - B. Polyuria
  - C. Ketosis
  - D. Polydipsia



#### Sample Question 2

 MJ has type 1 diabetes and wants to know the possible complications that can result from hyperglycemia during the first trimester of pregnancy. Which of the following complications can result from 1<sup>st</sup> trimester hyperglycemia?

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- A. macrosomia
- B. vascular defects
- C. shoulder dystocia
- D. spina bifada

#### Vignette Style Question



- Read the following vignette to answer the next 3 questions.
- A 47 yr old man with newly diagnosed type 2 diabetes. Additional known information.
  - Married, with 2 teenagers
  - Professor, obese
  - Started on Metformin 500mg BID
  - Father died of kidney failure secondary to diabetes

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#### Vignette Style Question 1

 Given what you know about this patient, what emotions would you expect him to express?

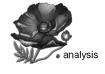
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- A. Fear of hypoglycemia
- B. Reluctance to start on insulin
- C. Panic disorder
- D. Fear of complications

analysis

#### Vignette Style Question 2

- What is most likely to be a potential barrier to lifestyle change?
  - A. Difficulty exercising due to obesity
  - B. Excessive alcohol intake
  - C. Teenage children
  - D. Long work hours



#### Vignette Style Question 3

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- The patient requests information about healthy eating. Which meal planning approach best suits this individual until he can see a registered dietitian?
  - A. 1,200 calorie exchange plan
  - B. Avoid all concentrated sweets
  - C. Eat 3 meals a day with snacks in between

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D. Healthy eating based on the "My Plate" method

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application

#### Sample Question 3

Metformin is an antidiabetic agent different than that of sulfonylurea drugs. Some features of the drug <u>are</u> that it:

- A. Stimulates insulin secretion and increases hepatic glucose production.
- B. Causes hypoglycemia
- c. Lowers hyperglycemia in persons with diabetes, but does not lower blood glucose levels in people without diabetes.
- D. Results in weight gain and increase in plasma glucose levels.

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#### Sample question 4

A person with type 2 is on a twice daily dose basal/bolus insulin and complains of waking up with morning headaches. If the fasting capillary BG is 291, this person should be advised to:

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- A. Increase evening dose of basal insulin
- B. Increase morning dose of bolus insulin
- c. Check 3am blood glucose
- D. Eliminate bedtime snack

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STUDYING

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Confidence, Habits and Time

### Study Habits



• Find your best time of day to study

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- Determine your learning style
  - Auditory discussion, study groups, tapes
  - Visual books, handouts, notes, videos
  - Kinesthetic workshops, demonstration
- Set up a study space
- Set up a study plan
  - Schedule your time
  - Make an appointment with yourself

#### Study Group

• Set a location, time and schedule

Everyone does their shareEveryone commits to attend

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- Have an agenda
- Set the rules



 Can be a great source of moral support and can help decrease test anxiety

### Study Time

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- Review of what you know: 30 to 40%
- Learning new materials: 60 to 70 %
- CDE<sup>®</sup> prep courses, flash cards & sample tests
- Teach the content to someone else
- Use down time/waiting time productively

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#### Knowledge = Confidence

- Most important aspect of test taking
- Knowing the content will improve your confidence
- As you study your knowledge base expands



#### Combating Test Anxiety

- Positive thinking and affirmations
- Use relaxation techniques we teach pts
- Take practice exam
- Rest well night before
- Know how to get to test site
- Arrive at exam room early
- Know your stuff self-study or courses

