

Diabetes Credentials for Pharmacists: BC-ADM vs. CDE

	Board Certified-Advanced Diabetes Management (BC-ADM)	Certified Diabetes Educator (CDE)
Sponsoring Entity	American Association of Diabetes Educators (AADE)	National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators (NCBDE)
General Scope as Defined by Sponsoring Entity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjusts medications Treats and monitors acute and chronic complications Counsels on lifestyle modifications Addresses psychosocial issues Participates in research and mentoring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possesses comprehensive knowledge of and experience in prediabetes, diabetes prevention, and management Educates and supports people affected by diabetes to understand and manage the condition Promotes self-management to achieve individualized behavioral and treatment goals and outcomes
Licensure Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current, active professional licensure PharmD <u>OR</u> BPharm and another graduate degree (e.g. Masters, PhD) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licensed RPh for a minimum of 2 years
Hours/Experience Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 500 clinical practice hours in advanced clinical diabetes management within 48 months prior to taking certification exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1,000 hours of experience with diabetes self-management education (DSME) over 4 years, with a minimum of 40% (400 hours) accrued in the most recent year preceding application Hours include both volunteer and work-related experience
CE Required to Apply	None	Minimum 15 hours of diabetes-related CEU within 2 years of application
Registration Fees	\$600 (AADE members); \$900 (non-AADE members)	\$350
The Exam	Computerized Exam: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 175 questions in 3.5 hours ✓ Only 150 are scored ✓ 25 are new questions that are not scored Test Outline: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment and Diagnosis (31%) Planning and Intervention (32%) Evaluation and Follow-up (25%) Leadership and Advanced Professional Practice (12%) 	Computerized Exam: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 200 questions in 4 hours ✓ Only 175 are scored ✓ 25 are new questions that are not scored Test Outline: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment of Diabetes and Prediabetes (34%) Interventions for Diabetes and Prediabetes (51%) Disease Management (15%)
Renewal Fees	\$500 (AADE members); \$800 (non-AADE members)	\$250
Renewal Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every 5 years Minimum 1,000 hours of practice experience Professional Development requirements in 2 of the following areas: CEU hours, academic credits, presentations, publications/research, precepting, or professional service Renewal fee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every 5 years Minimum 1,000 hours of practice experience CEU (total 75 hours) OR passing the CDE exam Renewal fee
Exam Window/Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offered in June and December only Results mailed 6 weeks after the close of the test window 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offered year-round, 90-day test window from approval Results reported in-person immediately after the exam
Real World Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More exclusive (RDs/RNs/RPhs without graduate degree not eligible) Credential more closely correlates with pharmacist scope of practice (e.g. medication adjustments) More comprehensive, requiring knowledge of related conditions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More common credential and more name recognition May help facilitate billing in ADA or AADE accredited diabetes centers Emphasis on helping patients to set/achieve diabetes-related goals through empowerment and education More study materials available

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References: [AADE](#), [NCBDE](#)