

Your Guide to Success

Board Certified-Advanced Diabetes Management (BC-ADM)



The BC-ADM is an advanced practice credential offered by the Association of Diabetes Care & Education Specialists (ADCES). The clinician holding the BC-ADM credentialed skillfully manages complex patient needs and assists patients with therapeutic problem-solving. Within their scope of practice and licensure, healthcare professionals who hold the BC-ADM certification may perform several clinical activities.

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Potential Benefits of BC-ADM Credential

- › Validates expertise and competency to patients and colleagues
- › Enhances organizational scope of practice
- › Available to multiple disciplines
- › Addresses increased need for advanced clinicians to manage the growing population of individuals with diabetes
- › Increases marketability in job search
- › Potential for increased compensation or the ability to leverage higher salary
- › Professional and personal satisfaction

“As an advanced practice clinician, earning the BC-ADM credential signifies true expertise in the diabetes care and education specialty. I’ve held the BC-ADM for over 15 years, and it continues to be a source of great pride and reflects my dedication to helping people with diabetes live their best lives.”

– Lucia M. Novak BC-ADM, NP
Chair, Credentialing Oversight Committee

Eligibility Requirements

PROFESSIONALS WITH ADVANCED DEGREE

- Licensed or registered in a state or territory of the United States
- Master’s or higher degree in relevant clinical, educational, or management area

- Registered Nurse (Advanced practice RN)
- Registered Dietitian (RD/RDN)
- Pharmacist (RPh/PharmD)
- Physician (MD/DO)
- Physician Assistant (PA)
- Other advanced degrees considered*

*Legally recognized equivalent or professional in another country which the candidate is practicing

EXPERIENCE

- At least 500 clinical hours

Obtained within 48 months prior to applying for the certification examination and earned after relevant licensure and advanced degree have been obtained.

PRACTICE LEVEL

- Candidate skillfully manages complex patient needs and assists with therapeutic problem-solving
- ADCES Level 3 Education

Management and problem-solving includes, but is not limited to:

- adjusting medications (in some cases prescribe),
- monitoring and treating complications and other comorbidities,
- counseling patients on lifestyle modifications,
- addressing psychosocial issues, and
- participating in research and mentoring.

FAQS

What resources are available to help prepare for the exam?

Resources on the ADCES website:

- › Candidate Handbook
- › Self-assessment study sheets by domain
- › 70+ question practice exam
- › Practice area discussion group for ADCES members

How do I document clinical practice hours?

ADCES does not have a required form or log that must be used for tracking practice hours. If a candidate is selected for an audit, they will need to submit a letter from someone who can attest to you having the practice hours.

What is the time frame to apply to take the exam?

The exam is offered in June and December each year. Deadlines to apply are May 1 and November 1.

Is there a discount on exam fees for members of ADCES?

Yes, if you join ADCES prior to completing and paying for your application, you can save the difference between the member and non-member fees.

People holding the BC-ADM credential practice in the US and these other countries

Note: Candidates must hold a current, active registration or license in a state or territory of the United States or the professional, legally recognized equivalent in another country where the candidate is practicing. Candidates must also hold a master’s or higher degree from an accredited or equivalent school, if practicing outside of the US.

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