

The Association of Diabetes Care & Education Specialists (ADCES) is an interdisciplinary professional membership organization dedicated to improving prediabetes, diabetes and cardiometabolic care through innovative education, management and support.

ADCES has a vast network of practitioners working to optimize care and reduce complications. ADCES offers an integrated care model that lowers the cost of care, improves experiences and helps its members lead so better outcomes follow.



What is a Diabetes Care and Education Specialist?

As a member of your diabetes care team, a diabetes care and education specialist works with you to develop a management plan that fits your lifestyle, beliefs and culture. They will help you understand how to use devices like meters, insulin pens, pumps and continuous glucose monitoring devices; and use the information from these devices and your lifestyle to identify patterns and opportunities for Together, you will collaborate to find solutions that address your most pressing challenges.

ADCES MEMBERS

58%
ARE CDCESs

52%
ARE NURSES

7%
ARE PHARMACISTS

5%
ARE BC-ADMs

38%
ARE DIETITIANS

3%
ARE OTHER HEALTH PROFESSIONALS



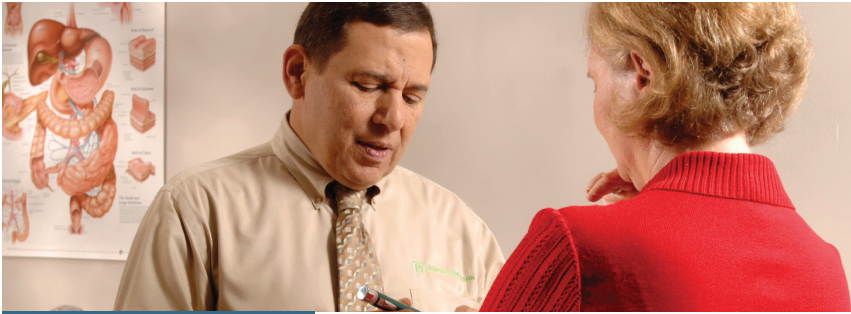
ADCES LEADERSHIP

ADCES' volunteer leadership partners with its professional staff to guide and manage the association. Our board of directors is elected from the membership and is responsible for the strategic planning and executive governance of the association. ADCES committees, taskforces and liaisons initiate and execute projects that help the association realize its strategic goals.

STATE AND LOCAL AFFILIATES

ADCES members interact with other diabetes care and education specialists in their area through a system of local networking groups. These groups serve to connect and strengthen the community of diabetes care and education specialists within a geographical area.

States are represented by a coordinating body while specific metropolitan areas and regions are represented by local networking groups. These groups manage state and local activities and maintain a relationship with the national organization.



AREAS OF FOCUS

ADCES is committed to supporting a specialty that works across prediabetes, diabetes and cardiometabolic conditions to connect the health team and offer holistic, accessible and effective care. To accomplish this, we focus our work on several key areas including:

DIABETES EDUCATION SERVICES

ADCES is one of two National Accrediting Organizations for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). ADCES accredited diabetes self-management education and support services are located throughout the U.S. and provide comprehensive, whole-person care offered by a diabetes care and education specialist.

A VISION FOR THE SPECIALTY

We've embarked on a multi-year initiative to position diabetes educators for success within a dynamically changing environment, elevating their role as integrators for clinical management, education, prevention and support. Learn more at DiabetesEducator.org/vision.

RESEARCH, GUIDANCE AND PRACTICAL TOOLS

We offer two subscription publications: The Diabetes Educator, a journal providing original research that builds the evidence base of the field, and ADCES in Practice, offering practice-focused application of research and best practices. Additionally, we regularly produce educator and patient-focused resources that highlight an aspect of diabetes care or provide easy-to-understand guidance.

WORKFORCE TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Our numerous continuing education courses give diabetes care and education specialists the ability to maintain their credentials, learn from experts in the field and stay abreast of current advancements. From the annual conference and other live events, to our online courses, webinars and contract programs, we offer a diverse array of educational opportunities.

NETWORKING AND COLLABORATION

Through our ADCES Connect platform, ADCES members can take advantage of a comprehensive networking infrastructure that allows them to share perspectives, resources and interests. Contacts are made, advice is shared, and care is ultimately strengthened.

TYPE 2 DIABETES PREVENTION

ADCES has been a leader in building the nation's diabetes prevention infrastructure. Through funding opportunities from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, ADCES continues to contribute to the overall sustainability of the National Diabetes Prevention Program through a nationwide network of programs that offer lifestyle change services within their local communities.

ADVOCACY

We are committed to shaping public policy that affects diabetes care and education specialists and people living with diabetes, prediabetes and other cardiometabolic conditions. We tackle problematic regulations, further programs and policies that work, and champion initiatives that increase access to diabetes education and supplies.

TECHNOLOGY AGGREGATION, EDUCATION AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Healthcare-related technology is moving at lightning speed. To ensure diabetes educators are positioned as tech consultants and data analyzers within their organizations, ADCES has created Danatech, an all-encompassing website resource for diabetes technology: products, education and resources. Learn more at Danatech.org.

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