

WHY CERTIFY

The National Commission for Health Education Credentialing's, Inc. (NCHEC) voluntary professional certification program establishes a national standard for individual health education practitioners. It is based on Responsibilities and Competencies that have been verified by a job practice analysis. The MCHES certification can be seen as a career ladder and helps to elevate you and the public's confidence in your advanced-level practice. MCHES is recognized in the field and by those practicing at an advanced-level. This certification places you in a nationally recognizable group of peers and documents your advanced-level competence.

The more health practitioners who become credentialed enhances the health education profession. A credentialed field is better recognized as competent by the public and other entities.

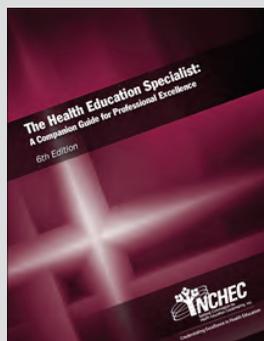
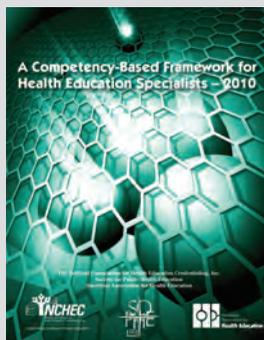
What is a MCHES?

A Master Certified Health Education Specialist (MCHES) is an individual that has:

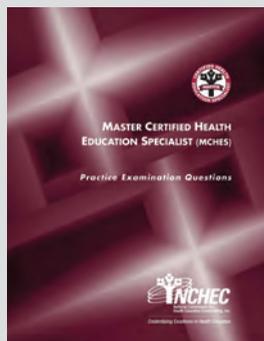
1. Met required academic preparation qualifications and worked in the field for a minimum of five years.
2. Successfully passed a competency-based assessment.
3. Satisfied the continuing education requirement to maintain the certification.

PUBLICATIONS

A Competency-Based Framework for Health Education Specialist-2010



The Health Education Specialist: A Study Companion for Professional Excellence - 6th Edition



MCHES Exam Companion Guide Supplement



Credentialed Excellence in Health Education

To enhance the professional practice of health education by promoting and sustaining a credentialed body of health education specialists. To meet this mission, NCHEC certifies health education specialists, promotes professional development, and strengthens professional preparation and practice.



Standard of Professional Excellence

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THE EXAM

The Master Certified Health Education Specialist (MCHES) exam is a competency-based test that measures the possession, application and interpretation related to the Seven Areas of Responsibility; a comprehensive set of Competencies and Sub-competencies defining the role of an advanced-level health education specialist. These Responsibilities were verified through a role delineation and job analysis process.

The MCHES exam consists of 165 multiple choice questions (150 scored, 15 pilot tested) some of which are scenario based, and is administered in a paper-and pencil format.

SEVEN AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

- Area I** Assess Needs, Assets and Capacity for Health Education
- Area II** Plan Health Education
- Area III** Implement Health Education
- Area IV** Conduct Evaluation and Research Related to Health Education
- Area V** Administer and Manage Health Education
- Area VI** Serve as a Health Education Resource Person
- Area VII** Communicate and Advocate for Health and Health Education

EXAM ELIGIBILITY

The MCHES exam eligibility includes both academic and experience requirements.

For CHES:

A minimum of the past five (5) continuous years in active status as a Certified Health Education Specialist. (No additional documentation is needed)

For Non-CHES or CHES with fewer than 5 years active status AND five years experience:

A Master's degree or higher in Health Education, Public Health Education, School Health Education, Community Health Education, etc.,

OR

A Master's degree or higher with an academic transcript reflecting at least 25 semester hours (37 quarter hours) of course work in which the Seven Areas of Responsibility of Health Educators were addressed.

AND

Five (5) years of documented experience as a health education specialist.

To substantiate experience in the health education field, applicants must submit:

- 1) Two verification forms from a current or past manager / supervisor, and / or a leader in a health education professional organization
- 2) A current curriculum vitae/resume

HOW TO APPLY

The MCHES exam is offered at more than 120 colleges and universities throughout the United States. For a list of exam sites, to apply, or for a prescreen request form visit NCHEC's Web site at www.nchec.org.

APPLICATION FEES & DEADLINES

April Exam	October Exam	CHES Fee	Non-CHES Fee
U.S. Post Marked On or Before			
Dec. 1	June 1	\$250	\$300
Jan. 2	July 1	\$260	\$310
Feb. 1	Aug. 1	\$290	\$340
Mar. 1	Sept. 1	\$340	\$390
Prescreen Deadline			
Feb. 1	Aug. 1	–	\$25

Unsure of Eligibility

A **prescreen** service is offered to non-CHES and should **ONLY** be used if you are not sure you meet the **academic** requirement for the MCHES exam. The prescreen service will review the academic component of eligibility. For a \$25 nonrefundable fee, NCHEC will determine eligibility through review of official academic transcripts.

Prescreen applicants are notified in writing of the review's outcome. If deemed eligible, the fee is then applied toward the exam cost. If deemed ineligible, course deficiencies will be identified and guidance for qualification will be provided.

For more information on the MCHES exam or eligibility requirements, please visit our Web site at www.nchec.org, or contact 888.624.3248 ext. 16.

