



Distinguishing Between Quality Certification and Assessment - Based Certificate Programs

The nationally and internationally accredited Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) and Master Certified Health Education Specialist (MCHES) certifications are measures of professional competence of the health education workforce. Both certifications have three components: health education professional preparation, passing a certification examination, and then maintaining continuing education requirements. Recently, a number of assessment - based certificate programs in health education/promotion and related areas have emerged across practice settings. These programs range from certificates offered in health or wellness coaching to tobacco specialist, wellness specialist, or prevention specialist, among others. Many of these programs are advertised as a “certification” program, but essentially are an “assessment - based certificate” program.



As more of these programs become available, it is important for the public to be able to distinguish between assessment - based certificate programs and quality professional certification programs.

The Institute for Credentialing Excellence’s (ICE) document *Defining Features of Quality Certification and Assessment - based Certificate Programs* highlights the similarities and differences between quality certification and assessment - based certificate programs. This document, which can be found on the ICE Website (www.credentialingexcellence.org) focuses on 12 key aspects of certification and assessment - based certificate programs.

Some key distinctions between the two programs are illustrated below.

QUALITY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM	ASSESSMENT - BASED CERTIFICATE PROGRAM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus is assessment of individuals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus is education and training
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate the mastery of knowledge, skills, and competencies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate participants' accomplishment of the intended learning outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job/Practice Analysis to validate assessment (periodically revised) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content validation at a minimum to document the link between intended learning outcomes and the assessment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provider is independent from the educational/training program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provider conducts or sponsors the training required
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credential is time limited - certificants are subject to disciplinary policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credential is NOT time limited (does not lapse or expire)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required to engage in specified activities designed to measure continued competence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOT required to engage in subsequent activities for maintenance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An acronym is awarded or letters after one's name to signify maintenance of credential 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOT awarded an acronym or letters for use after name

Reference: Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE), *Defining Features of Quality Certification and Assessment - based Certificate Programs*, 2010.

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Similarities and Differences: Membership vs. Certification Organizations

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Differences are not intended to separate, to alienate. We are different precisely to realize our need of one another.

Desmond Tutu

Although Desmond Tutu was speaking about types of people rather than types or organizations, the same “take home” message applies, i.e., we have differences, and we need one another. For example, I have heard it said, “NCHEC

should do a better job at taking the place of AAHE,” an organization that no longer exists. In truth, though, that is an impossible task for NCHEC. The first, and foremost, difference is that NCHEC is a certification organization while AAHE, SOPHE, and APHA and so on are membership organizations. For example, certification boards are responsible to the public first - not members or the profession, which is indicative of membership organizations. To explain, membership boards are responsible to the membership, taking on a “parent” role.

And, a prominent role for membership organizations is to advocate for members and the profession, while certifications may take unfavorable positions to membership organizations.

Certification boards have three main goals, all of which have no place in the health education membership organizations. These goals are to ensure:

- Psychometrically sound testing for certification candidates,
- Ethical and competency protection for the public, and
- Protection and promotion of the value of the competency certification.

Given these differences, both organizations have common interests involving advocacy, education, and the profession; yet the focus is different. See the table below involving common interests.

In short, certification and membership organizations have similar interests but different foci. But, we need each other to provide the best possible experiences, specifically, for health education specialists and, in general, the public. Let us support each other vigorously as we each do our best jobs!

CERTIFICATION ORGANIZATIONS/BOARDS	MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS/BOARDS
Advocacy - Value of credential to public and employers	Advocacy - Value of credentialed member and profession
Education - Professional development and assessment	Education - Professional development programming (e.g., conferences)
Profession - Credibility of the profession through certification	Profession - Credible brand of the profession

SOPHE APPRECIATION BREAKFAST FOR CHES/MCHES



Earlier this year, NCHEC sponsored an Appreciation Breakfast for our CHES and MCHES as a kick-off to the 2016 SOPHE Annual Meeting held in Charlotte, NC. The goal of this breakfast was to engage with our CHES and MCHES, and to promote a growing sense of a community among certified individuals. The breakfast event also was used as a venue for professional networking and as an opportunity to outline NCHEC’s accomplishments and service mission for all CHES and MCHES. Dixie Dennis, the Chair of the NCHEC Board of Commissioners, and Beth Chaney, the Chair of the NCHEC Marketing Committee, served as speakers for the event. Feedback received from those in attendance was very favorable.

Continuing the Path to Excellence through the Value of Certification

Linda Lysoby, MS, MCHES, CAE, NCHEC Executive Director



Quite frequently, the Executive Director's column in this publication addresses credentialing standards and NCHEC's continuing efforts to meet and exceed those standards. Providing excellence in credentialing is the very essence of what NCHEC stands for. As part of that continued commitment to excellence, I am pleased to remind readers that the October 2016 CHES exam will be changing to reflect the revised blueprint that resulted from the

2015 Health Education Specialist Practice Analysis (HESPA).

**See <http://www.nchec.org/overview> for the revised specifications and http://www.nchec.org/assets/2251/hespa_competencies.pdf for a list of all of the Responsibilities, competencies, and sub - competencies that comprise the certification exams.*

In this column, I also would like to highlight some of the additional things that NCHEC is doing to increase the visibility and value of our certifications. In 2016, NCHEC became a member of the Coalition for Public Health Funding, and has participated in the Coalition's first annual Public Health Fair on July 13th in Washington, D.C. The purpose behind our support at this well - attended event was to represent our profession and the significance of our certifications to lawmakers on Capitol Hill and more than 40 additional national health organizations. **Please see the article below.**

NCHEC was also visible at the National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) Conference in Phoenix Arizona July 19 to 21st, 2016. By exhibiting at this conference, we were provided with the opportunity to inform attendees about the vital role that CHES and MCHES can play within health departments.

In addition, NCHEC Deputy Executive Director, Melissa Opp, presented a seminar for the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) Public Health Professional Advisory Group (PHPAG), entitled "Value of Credentialing: CPH Certification vs. CHES & MCHES." There appeared to be a great interest from the public health officers in attendance at the seminar in learning more about pursuing certification as well as leveraging the credential for future career advancement opportunities.

Plans are currently underway for a presentation to the Association of Community Health Improvement (ACHI) regarding the role of CHES/MCHES - certified individuals in Community Health Improvement initiatives as required for non - profit tax status for hospitals.

As NCHEC's 2016 - 2017 marketing initiatives continue to focus on potential employers of Certified Health Education Specialists, we invite you - as certified individuals - to assist in our efforts to communicate the value of the CHES and MCHES certifications. Marketing and communication materials are available on the NCHEC website at www.nchec.org/resources.



Coalition for Health Funding Event on Capitol Hill

With members of the Congressional Public Health Caucus, the Coalition for Health Funding hosted the first-ever Public Health Fair on Capitol Hill for lawmakers, staff, and members of the public health community on July 13th, 2016. NCHEC attended the event, representing the profession of health education and offering attendees both information and resources regarding the CHES and MCHES certifications.

Congressional Public Health Caucus Co-Chairs, Representative Rob Wittman (R-VA) and Representative Gene Green (D-TX) offered opening remarks, and kicked off the start of the fair. The Public Health Fair featured representatives from 40 national health organizations and corporations, and six federal Public Health Service agencies, including the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

There were over 150 RSVP's, which included Congressmen, staffers, organizations, and members of the public, but attendance was well above that number. NCHEC developed a marketing flyer that highlighted the duties of four CHES/MCHES in varying professional settings, which was distributed at this successful inaugural event. As members of the Coalition, NCHEC will work to educate policy makers on the CHES and MCHES certifications.

NCHEC WELCOMES NEW MCHES – SPRING 2016

The following is an additional list of those who earned the district title of Master Certified Health Education Specialist (MCHES) in the Spring 2016 examination. NCHEC welcomes them to a class of more than 1600 active MCHES. Those who opted not to be published are excluded from the list.

Willa Allen	Shawnte Elbert	Dayna Henry	Gail McCray	Lynn Smith
Kristen Barlag Bertke	JoAnna Ellis	Annette Johnson	Bridget Moore	Maria Del Sol Torres
Nina Bell	Margaret English	Kimberly Jones-Price	Andrea Morris	Joel Torres
Amanda Blaisdell	Laura Esparza	Shelley Kay	Stephanie Navarre	Julia Varnes
Kerri Boyd	Michael Flores	Nicole Klein	Michelle Nees	Kesia Walker
Moya Brown	Thelma Gamboa-Maldonado	Catherine Kostilnik	Jeffrey Nkansah	Shira Potash
Laura Crowder	Therese Gehrke	Cynthia Kusorgbor-Narh	Kimberly Enoch Noble	Margaret English
Christa Cupp	Valerie Greenberg	Amy LaRue	Andrew Piazza	Julie Henderson
Mariana Dailey	Julie Henderson	Suzanne Letellier	Amy Riley	Gail McCray
Adriana Delgadillo-Duenas	Kate Hendricks Thomas	Priscilla Lopez	Gretchen Ritter	
Ashley Donahoe				

High Scorer on the April 2016 MCHES Exam Nicole Klein, Ph.D., MCHES

Nicole Aydtt Klein, Associate Professor of Public Health at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, obtained her PhD in Health Education from the University of Texas at Austin. Originally from Carbondale, Illinois and an alum of SIU Carbondale, Nicole worked with low-income pregnant and parenting adolescents in Austin, leading to an interest in sexuality education. Over her 20 years of teaching college students, she has taught many classes and now teaches undergraduate coursework in community health program planning, program evaluation (inspired by learning evaluation from the late Dr. Paul Sarvela at SIU), contemporary and controversial issues in health, personal health and instructional strategies. She was the winner of SIUE's Teaching Excellence Award in 2012 and anyone who has been in her classes can attest that for her, being a professor is the best thing, ever.



Nicole's scholarship focuses on creating sexually healthy individuals through inclusive sexuality education. She is especially interested in improving the experiences of LGBTQI individuals in school settings. She has a particular interest in technology, both as a researcher and teacher. Her current research is exploring the use of augmented reality mobile technology games such as Ingress and the effect on players' health.

"The certification is essential to the identity of the profession and while I am a CHES from way back, I had never taken the MCHES. Our awesome Program Director and Chair supported me taking the exam in April and I am so grateful. We are an Illinois public university and despite the state funding crisis, it is evidence that SIUE still values faculty development. After being inspired every year by my students who choose to sit for the exam, I was able to take my place with them and do something I encourage them all to do."

Tell a colleague or student that the
2016-17 CHES AND MCHES EXAM DATES
are October 15th, 2016 and April 22, 2017

For more information, visit www.nchec.org or contact the Exam Coordinator: 888 - 624 - 3248, ext 12

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NCHEC WELCOMES NEW CHES – SPRING 2016

The following is an additional list of those who earned the district title of Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) in the Spring 2016 examination. NCHEC welcomes them to a class of more than 11,500 active CHES. Those who opted not to be published are excluded from the list.

Naomi Abel	Philip Berlier II	Connor Bryant	Lauren Coldwell	Anna Dewitt
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Christina Addari	Jacqueline Best	Jessica Buck	Jasmine Collins	Lisa Difatta
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Jennifer Aiken	Megan Bird	Alisa Burrows	Clare Conte	Rachel Doremire
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Adebusola Aladegbami	Catherine Black	Meagan Cain	Alexa Cooper	Lauren Dresser
Lindsay Allen	Kimberly Black	Cassandra Callas	Michelle Coots	Kellie Drexl
Jarret Allende	Amber Blackwood	Kristine Callender	Jennifer Copes	Nicole Drummond
Paul Ambersley	Kelene Blake-Fallon	Jessica Camarillo	Jary Copp	Antonia Dumitriu-Morentz
Ambereen Ameer	Allison Blaschke	Nicollette Campbell	Mary Cornwell	Kasey Durham
Jillian Anderson	Julie Blechman	Jasmine Campos	Nichole Costales	Carole Dushey
Colton Anderson	Lindsey Blevins	Sasha Canan	Andrea Costin	Laura Dyszlewski
Nicholas Anderson	Dustin Blodgett	Candice Cantore	Jessica Cotton	Anna Early
Courtney Andrews	Bree Bode	Amanda Capitummino	Rebecca Couch	Andrea Earwood
Nelly Angah	Dominique Boesch	Maria Caputa	Julia Cox	Karen Edouard
Kelechi Anyakee	Taleen Bolbolian	Samantha Carle	LaKaya Craig	Yvette Edwards
Carmen Arnoni	Laura Bolton	Bonnie Carleton	Mariel Crawford	Crisha Eldridge
Amber Arrington	Ashley Bond	Brenda Carnese	Leslie Crocker	Cassandra Eley
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Anna Patricia Badillo	Carmen Boyd	Jessica Ceruto	Tyler Daniel	Lauren Ernst
Angela Bailey	Eugenia Boye-Codjoe	Erin Champ	Monica Daniel Dobbs	Nathalie Escarra
Amanda Balcer	Alison Boyles	Colleen Champa	Jessica Daniels	Steven Ethington
Caitlin Ballard	Andrew Bradford	Tora Chase	Rachel David	Gabrielle Evans
Keoshia Banks	Cody Bradwell	Cadee Chatterton	Corey Davis	Brittany Evans
Brittany Barley	Kaylee Bram	Stephanie Chen	Tessa Davis	Jillian Eversole
Harrison Barnard	Lauren Branham	Marisa Cheng	Kasey Davis	Catherine Fadale
Fraduntino Barry	Kelsey Branson	Yee Cheung	Maya Davis	Stephanie Fassbender
Jamilee Bates	Maricela Bravo	Daniela Chieffo	Hannah Day	Katherine Feeney
Amanda Batsleer	Gladys Bravo-Soana	Victoria Childress	Lindsey Day	Clarissa Felima
Cherilyn Bean	Mackenzie Bray	Cindy Chimal	Teresa De Anda	Kendra Fennell
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Grace Beard	Bevan Bresnahan	Kristina Ciangiola	Nancy DeGorter	Anne Fink
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Morgan Foster	Brittanie Haas	Caitlin Howe	Surakshya Karki	Jennifer Lee
Kellye Foulke	Tabitha Hackett	Afrin Howlader	Wisdom Kekeocha	Adrienne Lefevre
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Jonique Freeman	Chloe Hale	Brittany Huffman	Bonnie Kempker	Monica Lerma
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Yu-Chi Fu	Kelly Hall	Janet Hung	Eleanor Kennedy	Hannah Liddle
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Alexandra Gee	Taylor Harris	Katharine Isaacson	Paula King	Sarah London
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Danielle Gilmore	Wahab Hassan	Dora Izaguirre Anariba	Veronica Kitchens	Joseph Lopez
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Brittany McDade	Molly Murphy	Haille Perkins	Nimrah Riaz	Kathryn Scudder
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Kalie Moore-Zeigler	Meaghan Parsons	Gage Rasmussen	Manisha Sarkar	Caitlin Sommers
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Aldrea Speight	Jennifer Tate	Jillian Travilla	Princeanna Walker	Abigail Willett
Lindsey Spence	Kristina Tavernelli	Anthony Treas	Caitlin Walker	Renee Williams
Allison Spurrier	Georgeanne Taylor	Justin Treloar	Chablis Walker	Shana Williams
Andrea Squassi	Jesse Teal	Mara Trethaway	Maxine Wallace	Tylar Williams
Kaitlyn Stahl	Jenna Templeton	Diana Tsuji	Margaret Walters	Elizabeth Willis
Anna Stallings	Brittney Thames	Kathleen Tuitt	Georgette Wangongo	Katie Willis
Madeline Stanley	Ashley Tharpe	Alexandra Turnbough	Reginald Warren	Christy Wilson
Erika Stanley	Samantha Thomas	Chelsey Turner	Alexandria Washington	Taylor Wimply
Glendon Steiner	Crystal Thomas	Ayana Turner	Aereo Watson	Samantha Wobschall
Karina Steren	Stephanie Thomas	Amara Ugwu	Taylor Watson	Elena Wojcik
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High Scorer on the April 2016 CHES Exam Rebecca Hollenbach, MPH, CHES

Rebecca Hollenbach received her Master of Public Health degree in May from Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health with a concentration in Behavioral Science and Health Education. After earning degrees in Biology and French from Ursinus College in 2013, she worked for City Year Greater Philadelphia, which helped solidify her passion for social determinants of health and health equity. This passion led her to Louisville Metro Department of Public Health and Wellness (LMPHW) in the summer of 2015 through a Region IV Pathways to Practice Field Scholars Program. She will be returning to LMPHW full-time, working for their Center for Health Equity



to compile annual Health Equity Reports and to shape the city's racial justice initiatives.

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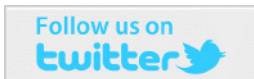
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Josiane Peluso, MA, CHES,
United Healthcare Medicare
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Profession Wide Meeting, Chicago, August 2016



The Coalition of National Health Education Organizations (CNHEO) and other selected leaders in the health education and promotion field held a 21st Century meeting in Chicago on August 3-6, 2016 to develop a shared vision for the Health Education profession for the course of the next decade. Similar meetings were held in 1995 and 2002, in previous efforts to assess the current state of the health education profession, to forecast trends, and to set future goals and directions. Support from this meeting was provided by Anne E. Nolte Estate – Illinois Prairie Community Foundation. NCHEC was one of the nine CNHEO organizations that participated in this significant three day event that succeeded in developing goals and an action plan for the next 10 years.



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