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NCHEC RELEASES TWO REVISED PUBLICATIONS BASED ON THE HEJA STUDY

WHITEHALL, PA. - September 14, 2010 – The National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc (NCHEC) has recently released two revised publications. As a result of the Health Educator Job Analysis (HEJA) - 2010 project, NCHEC's collection of publications have been updated to reflect the revised Competencies and Sub-competencies of the health education specialists. Both publications are excellent resources to assist students in studying for the revised CHES examination effective April 2011 and new inaugural MCHES exam in October 2011.

A Competency Based Framework for Health Education Specialists – 2010 is jointly copyrighted by NCHEC, Society for Public Health Education, (SOPHE), and the American Association for Health Education (AAHE). The framework is based on the HEJA- 2010, an 18-month project to update, refine and validate the model of health education practice. The updated model comprises 223 Sub-competencies, organized into 34 Competencies within seven major Areas of Responsibility. Of the Sub-competencies, 61 were validated as advanced-level only. The HEJA-2010 study expanded upon the previous Competency Update Project (CUP) which first provided a model of three levels of practice.

The new 6th edition of *The Health Education Specialist: A Companion Guide for Professional Excellence* has been updated to include the resultant revised Areas of Responsibility, Competencies, and Sub-competencies identified in the HEJA project. For the first time, this publication is including both entry- and advanced-level Competencies and Sub-competencies. This publication will be used to assist health education specialists to study for the April 2011 CHES exam and the inaugural 2011 MCHES exam. Both publications are available for purchase at <http://www.nchec.org/news/quicklinks/pub/>.

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