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### **NCHEC Announces First Class of Master Certified Health Education Specialist (MCHES)**

Whitehall, PA, – July 14, 2011 - 812 health education specialists have recently earned their Master Certified Health Education Specialist (MCHES) credential from the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc, (NCHEC).

The first MCHES cohort successfully completed the MCHES Experience Documentation Opportunity (EDO) process that opened on October 15, 2010 and closed on April 16, 2011. During this process, MCHES EDO applicants documented advanced-level practice in the field of health education and had recommenders attest to their performance and competence levels.

The MCHES certification, awarded by NCHEC, has elevated the professional standards to an advanced-level, endorsed individual performance, and designated those who demonstrate knowledge and skills essential to the advanced-level Sub-competencies in the health education profession.

“NCHEC developed the advanced-level certification in response to recommendations from the profession that are supported by research indicating the presence of distinct levels of practice in the health education work setting,” said William Chen, Chair of NCHEC’s Board of Commissioners. “Congratulations to this very first class of MCHES.”

“This has been a long awaited step in the field of health education and it’s so exciting. The MCHES certification indicates advanced-level knowledge and skills. Also a commitment to the advancement of the health education profession and continuing professional development,” said Linda Lysoby, MS, CAE, MCHES, Executive Director of NCHEC.

A complete list of the first cohort of MCHES is included with the press release and can also be accessed on the NCHEC Web site at [www.nchec.org](http://www.nchec.org).

The inaugural MCHES examination will be offered on October 15, 2011 at over 120 testing location throughout the U.S. The application process will close on September 1, 2011. For more information on the MCHES exam contact Blossom Paravattil at [bparavattil@nchec.org](mailto:bparavattil@nchec.org) or 888-624-3248 ext. 16.

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The following is a list of those earned the distinct title of Master Certified Health Education Specialist (MCHES) through the Experience Documentation Opportunity. NCHCEC congratulates them on being the first cohort of MCHES and for this achievement. Those who opted not to be published are excluded from the list.

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