

# Master Certified Health Education Specialist (MCHES) Examination

## 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.



## EXAM ELIGIBILITY

### For CHES:

- A minimum of the past five (5) continuous years in active status as a Certified Health Education Specialist

### For Non-CHES or CHES with fewer than 5 years active status + 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 hrs) of course work in which the Seven Areas of Responsibility of Health Educators were addressed,
- Five (5) years of documented experience as a health education specialist.

To verify experience 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

## MCHES Exam Seven Areas of Responsibility for Health Education Specialists

Area of Responsibility	Percentage of Questions
I. Assess Needs, Assets, and Capacity for Health Education	10%
II. Plan Health Education	15%
III. Implement Health Education	20%
IV. Conduct Evaluation and Research Related to Health Education	16%
V. Administer and Manage Health Education	16%
VI. Serve as a Health Education Resource Person	15%
VII. Communicate and Advocate for Health and Health Education	8%
TOTAL EXAM	100%

## UNSURE OF ELIGIBILITY

A prescreen service is available for those who are unsure of exam eligibility.

For a \$25 nonrefundable fee, NCHEC will determine eligibility through review of official academic transcripts for Non-CHES. The pre-screen service is available strictly for the transcript review not for experience.

## HOW TO APPLY

The CHES 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.nchech.org](http://www.nchech.org).

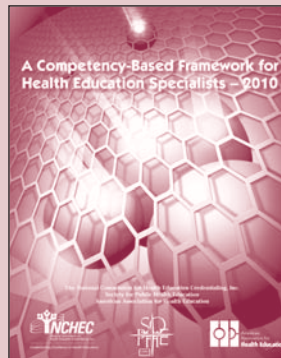
### APPLICATION FEES AND DEADLINES

Type of Applicant	1st deadline	2nd deadline	3rd deadline	Final deadline
Exam (CHES)	\$250	\$260	\$290	\$340
Exam (non-CHES)	\$300	\$310	\$340	\$390

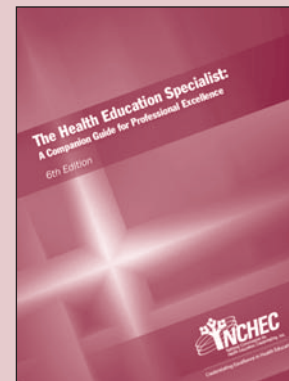


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## PUBLICATIONS TO ASSIST IN PREPARATION



### A Competency-Based Framework for Health Education Specialist – 2010



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

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