

Role and Responsibilities of the Physician Advisor

The core role and responsibility of the Physician Advisor is to supervise/mentor the applicant's clinical practice.

The Physician Advisor may delegate or share this responsibility with a diabetes educator who is certified in insulin dose adjustment.

The Physician Advisor is responsible for reviewing and discussing the answers to the case studies that are completed during the self study component of the training program.

The Physician Advisor is responsible for certifying completion of topics listed in the Adult Initial Certification Competency Skills Checklist as well as the Specialty Areas Initial Certification Competency Skills Checklist (if appropriate).

The Physician Advisor is responsible for notifying the Department of Health that the applicant is ready to write the exam. The *Request for Exam* form is included in the applicant's manual. The Department of Health will notify the DCPNS who will send the exam to the Physician Advisor).

The Physician Advisor is responsible for adjudicating, grading, discussing the results with the applicant and returning the exam to the DCPNS.

If an applicant does not achieve a passing grade of 80%, the applicant must continue to study and the process to write an exam is repeated.

It is difficult to determine how much time this role requires in total as it is very dependent on the knowledge and skill level of the applicant. The exam typically requires 3-3.5 hours to complete.