## Competencies for Diabetes Care and Education Specialists

DO	MAIN 4: Research and Quality Improvement
	The diabetes care and education specialist contributes to research and quality improvement activities and applies current research and evidence-based care to guide practice.
4.1 4.2 4.3 4.4 4.5 4.6 4.7 4.8 4.9 4.10 4.11 4.12	RESEARCH AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT  Uses technology/databases to search and find publications and appropriately filter data Promotes a culture of collaborative inquiry to advance diabetes knowledge and care Participates in the development, use, and evaluation of clinical pathways, standards of care, and practice guidelines according to assigned role  Complies with all appropriate guidelines to create a safe environment to conduct research Applies basic principles of research to contribute to the evidence base of the specialty Synthesizes information to identify trends in research for application in practice Applies critical thinking skills to evaluate research and quality improvement findings Disseminates research findings for translation into practice Contributes to the development and execution of quality improvement and research projects to advance diabetes care and education Applies the evaluation process to diabetes care and education services Responds to data in a systematic and iterative fashion, refines and implements plan, and studies results, as modeled in Plan-Do-Study-Act Designs quality improvement processes

