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## Exam Information

Welcome to IBHRE Source, IBHRE's new electronic newsletter. Designed to keep you informed of IBHRE activities and related certification news, the newsletter will be distributed in three issues per year – fall, winter, and spring/summer. To contribute an article or for more information, contact [Tracy Lofty](#), IBHRE's Executive Director.

### Exam Dates and Fees

To sit for the CCDS and CEPS certification exams on the pre-determined day, applications must be submitted to IBHRE by the deadline. Click below to get a listing of exam fees for the:

- [2016 CEPS \(Allied Professional\) Exam](#)
- [2016 CCDS \(Allied Professional\) Exam](#)
- [2016 CCDS \(Physician\) Exam](#)
- [2016 CEPS \(Physician\) Exam](#)

The dates and registration deadlines for the 2016 exams are:

<b>Exam Type</b>	<b>Exam Date</b>	<b>Registration Opens</b>	<b>Early Registration Deadline</b>	<b>Final Registration Deadline</b>
CEPS (Allied Professional)	Apr 13, 2016	Sep 3, 2015	Oct 8, 2015	Nov 12, 2015
CCDS (Physician & Allied Professional)	Aug 3, 2016	Nov 18, 2015	Jan 7, 2016	Feb 4, 2016
CEPS (Physician)	Dec 7, 2016	May 26, 2016	Jul 26, 2016	Oct 5, 2015

Download the [Candidate Handbook](#) for more information about the exams.

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## **IBHRE Allied Professional EP Item Writing Committee Meets at NBME**

The Item Writing Committee met for an intense review of the Certification Examination for Competency in Cardiac Electrophysiology for Allied Professionals' item bank. The meeting was held at the offices of the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) in Philadelphia, PA August 3-4, 2015.



The content experts in attendance reviewed the items one-by-one and discussed them as a group, in consultation with NBME staff, to ensure a quality and relevant exam. The review will result in a bank of items for the 2016 exam administration. IBHRE gratefully acknowledges the members of the AP-EP Item Writing Committee for their continued participation and commitment to excellence.

- Charles J. Love, MD, FACC, FHRS, FAHA, CCDS, President, IBHRE Board of Directors
- Edward V. Platia, MD, FHRS, CCDS, Chair
- Christine Chiu-Man, MSC, FHRS, CEPS, CCDS, Co-Chair
- Susan Blancher, ARNP, MSN, CEPS
- Yoshinori Kobayashi, MD
- Brian Olshansky, MD, FHRS, CCDS
- Craig Swygman, CVT, CEPS
- Ralph J. Verdino, MD, CCDS
- Paul J. Wang, MD, CCDS
- Esther Weiss, RN, MSN, APN, CEPS, CCDS
- Chunja Yoo, BSN, CEPS, CCDS

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## Certification News

### Physician CEPS Credential Modification

To comply with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standards, the IBHRE Certified Electrophysiology Specialist (CEPS) designation for physicians must reflect the scope of the actual certification. To earn the physician CEPS credential requires passing an exam with a focus in adult cardiology or pediatric cardiology making these two distinct certifications:

- Physicians earning IBHRE certification in adult cardiology will now earn the **Certified Electrophysiology Specialist - Adult Cardiology (CEPS-AC)**.
- Physicians earning certification in pediatric cardiology will now earn the **Certified Electrophysiology Specialist - Pediatric Cardiology (CEPS-PC)**.

These changes are also effective retroactively and IBHRE's records will be updated for physicians who have earned CEPS. For more information, contact [Tracy Lofty](#), IBHRE Executive Director.

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### Maintenance of Certification and Recertification

IBHRE recognizes continued competency through good standing in the practice and involvement in the heart rhythm management field. [Maintenance of Certification \(MoC\)](#), which promotes enrichment of the essential skills and knowledge for delivery of ideal patient care through career-long learning, is required **five years** after passing the exam. The activities must be applicable to at least three (3) different exam content outline areas in order to be approved.

Ten years after passing the exam, recipients are required to [recertify](#) in order to demonstrate the enhancement of necessary knowledge and skills. These individuals must also attest that they are currently active, in good standing, and involved in the field of cardiac rhythm management.

Not sure when your certification ends? [Contact IBHRE staff](#) or view the [IBHRE recipient list](#).

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### Celebrating Our Newly Certified CEPS Recipients

IBHRE congratulates the 171 men and women who recently received their IBHRE certifications. We commend those employers who maintain the high standards in heart rhythm competency by employing IBHRE certified professionals to improve the quality of patient care.

IBHRE Recipients

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## Marketplace

## Save the Date - IBHRE Day is February 11, 2016



Established to recognize and celebrate certified cardiac arrhythmia health care professionals around the world for their unique skillset and knowledge, IBHRE Day will be celebrated on **February 11, 2016**. IBHRE Day provides certified professionals the opportunity to educate their colleagues and the public about the value of their certification. A promotional toolkit for IBHRE Day will be available on IBHRE's website in the coming weeks.

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### Featured Certified Professional: Cameron J. Pfeffer, BAPPSC, CCDS, CEPS

Australia-based field technical specialist Cameron J. Pfeffer BAPPSC, CCDS, CEPS obtained his Certified Electrophysiology Specialist (CEPS) credential in April 2015 with a score of 922, making him the highest scoring examinee for the 2015 Allied Professional Electrophysiology Exam administration. Of the 224 allied professionals who took the certification exam, approximately 76% passed the exam.

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### IBHRE Ambassador Spotlight - Richard Clark, BA, CCDS



"The IBHRE exam is valuable for anyone who works in industry, in a hospital EP lab or device clinic. Plus, for physicians who are not EPs, it provides a strong education. The exam is the best way to demonstrate competency to colleagues – exam content is relevant and addresses concepts encountered daily. Earning certification gives a sense of accomplishment – not everyone can pass the exam. From the certification, you get recognition, status and leadership benefits. Passing it reinforced for me my career choice."

[Learn more](#) about Richard Clark and [share your story](#).

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### IBHRE Scholarship Award Winners

In conjunction with its 30th Anniversary and IBHRE Day 2015, IBHRE announced a new scholarship program for allied professionals to create an opportunity for professionals to seek certification. The IBHRE Scholarship Review Panel reviewed a total of 14 highly qualified submissions that included a completed application as well as written endorsements by two IBHRE certified individuals.

The following recipients will receive \$800 to be applied toward the registration cost for either the

Certified Cardiac Device Specialist (CEDs) or Certified Electrophysiology Specialist (CEPS)  
Certification Exam:

- Tashia L. Fieger, Pasco, WA, USA
- Esther V. Pimplekar, Pineville, NC, USA
- Julie M. Thomas, White Plains, NY, USA

These individuals were selected based on their current and potential contributions to this scientific field as well as their extraordinary distinction. In addition, they are eligible to receive a complimentary one-year membership to the Heart Rhythm Society.

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## Other News

### IBHRE to Exhibit at National Magnet Conference



For the first time, IBHRE is exhibiting at the [National Magnet Conference](#) hosted by the American Nurses Credentialing Center. The conference will be held at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, Georgia **October 7-9, 2015**.

IBHRE's presence will help to reach many allied professionals and facilitate its goal to strengthen the organization as a global certifying agency by charting a course for greater growth and brand recognition. Be sure to stop by **IBHRE's booth (#1536)** if you plan to attend, and meet Tracy Lofty, IBHRE's Executive Director.

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### IBHRE Welcomes New Manager of Certification Services

Dana Reid, BA, ACA joined IBHRE as the new Manager of Certification Services in July 2015. She has over 15 years of credentialing experience working with the American Nurses Credentialing Center and most recently was the Manager of Certification for the Commission on Nurse Certification, the credentialing arm of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. She can be reached at [dreid@hrsonline.org](mailto:dreid@hrsonline.org) or 202-346-3414. Welcome to IBHRE Dana!



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