

## IBHRE: A Global Leader in Heart Rhythm Certification

IBHRE is the global leader in heart rhythm certification with approximately 9,000 IBHRE certified professionals located in more than 50 countries!

### IBHRE exams are designed for:

- » **Physicians** (e.g. cardiology, pediatrics, internal medicine, cardiovascular diseases, general surgery, thoracic surgery, emergency medicine, and anesthesiology)
- » **Allied Professionals** (e.g. nurses, physicians assistants, EP/lab techs, technologists, engineers, educators, marketing representatives)

### IBHRE Certifications

Physicians & Allied Professionals

- » Certified Cardiac Device Specialist (CCDS)
- » Certified Electrophysiology Specialist (CEPS)



*"The IBHRE exam preparation and process increases your knowledge level and respect from team members regardless of being in a clinical setting or in industry. Preparing for the exam ultimately leads to improved patient outcomes."*

**Mark Sweesy, FHRs, CCDS, CEPS, RCES**

### About IBHRE®

Since 1985, the International Board of Heart Rhythm Examiners® (IBHRE) has set the standard for global certification in heart rhythm management. IBHRE offers competency certification to physicians and allied professionals to provide quality patient care in cardiac pacing and electrophysiology. Certifications offered are the Certified Cardiac Device Specialist (CCDS) and the Certified Electrophysiology Specialist (CEPS).

### IBHRE Scholarship Award

The IBHRE Scholarship Award provides assistance to professionals who want to pursue IBHRE certification but have limited access to certification resources. The scholarship is open to allied professionals earning the CCDS or CEPS certification. IBHRE grants a limited number of scholarships, which are applied towards each scholarship recipient's registration cost. In addition, recipients who are non-members of the Heart Rhythm Society (HRS) receive a one-year membership to HRS, contingent upon review and meeting HRS membership requirements.



1325 G Street, NW  
Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20005  
☎ 202-464-3414  
☎ 877-386-1044

✉ info@ibhre.org

🌐 IBHRE.org



*Achieving Global  
Excellence in Heart  
Rhythm Management*

**IBHRE® CERTIFICATION**

# HERE'S WHAT PROFESSIONALS SAY ABOUT IBHRE CERTIFICATION



*"Getting certified really kick started my career in electrophysiology and helped me steadily gain momentum in learning more in my field. In addition, the professional networking opportunities are enormous, both during and after certification."*

**Sootkeng Ma, MD, CCDS, CEPS**



*"A key benefit of IBHRE certification is that your knowledge expands as well as your confidence in your knowledge."*

**Jay Charles Reid, MS, BSN, RN, CCDS**

*"As an employer of trained electrophysiology (EP) professionals, I truly believe in the power of the IBHRE certification. It is known throughout the EP community that passing the IBHRE exam is no easy task. It's that applicant—the one who has shown a passion for EP and holds the IBHRE certification—who is the one we all want to hire."*

**Scott Neal, RCES, CEPS**

## Top Five Benefits of Certification

### The IBHRE® credential:

- » Leads to improved quality of patient care and outcomes
- » Promotes continuing competency
- » Enhances professional credibility
- » Is recognized internationally
- » Meets employer credential requirements

### Earning Certification

Candidates must have an excellent foundation in the fields of cardiac rhythm device therapy and electrophysiology to earn a CCDS and/or CEPS certification. All candidates must meet eligibility requirements and comply with a code of ethics established by the IBHRE Board of Directors. Obtaining an IBHRE certification requires passing a comprehensive computer-based examination that is based upon an international body of knowledge.

### Maintaining Certification

Due to significant advances that continue to be made in cardiac pacing, defibrillation and electrophysiology, it is essential for physicians and allied professionals to maintain and demonstrate competency to ensure quality patient care. IBHRE promotes continuing competency through maintenance of certification and recertification requirements. Documentation of professional development activities is required. In addition, re-examination every 10 years is required to maintain each credential.

*"The IBHRE certification exam is the best way to demonstrate competency to colleagues - exam content is relevant and addresses concepts encountered daily."*

**Richard Clark, BA, CCDS**

*"Those who receive the most benefit from the IBHRE exam are the patients of well-trained professionals with the IBHRE credential. We believe that those who have taken the exam are likely to have better outcomes and that is what we all work for—better patient outcomes."*



**Harlie Ferguson, AS, CEPS**

*"My IBHRE certification mattered to the institution that hired me. Any healthcare professional who is implanting and managing cardiac devices should take the IBHRE exam."*



**Laurie Newmark, RN, CCDS**