

Percentage of Questions from Each Area of Responsibility on the Revised CHES Exam

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Recently, there has been much discussion regarding how the national health educator Competencies Update Project (CUP) will impact the Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) exam.

Much of this discussion stems from reports that the boards of the three organizations that hold copyright for the CUP findings, American Association for Health Education (AAHE), Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE) and the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing (NCHEC), recommend that faculty in, and administrators of, baccalaureate programs in health education prepare their graduates to perform all seven of the health education responsibilities identified in CUP, and that NCHEC should use the CUP findings as the basis for a revised entry-level CHES exam.

To help faculty and administrators adequately prepare their students for the revised CHES exam, the NCHEC Division Board for Certification of Health Education Specialists (DBCHES) wants to share the percentage of each Area of Responsibility that will be included on CHES exams, beginning fall 2007. The following percentages have been verified by Professional Examination Service (PES) statisticians, who work with DBCHEs directors on exam construction.

Area of Responsibility	% of Questions on CHES Exam
1. Assess Individual and Community Needs for Health Education	10%
2. Plan Health Education Strategies, Interventions and Programs	15%
3. Implement Health Education Strategies, Interventions and Programs	22%
4. Conduct Evaluation and Research Related to Health Education	13%
5. Administer Health Education Strategies, Interventions and Programs	14%
6. Serve as a Health Education Resource Person	14%
7. Communicate and Advocate for Health and Health Education	12%