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## **Bonnie Button Achieves Certified Diabetes Educator Status**

**July 20, 2011...Hornell, NY** – The National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators and St. James Mercy Hospital are pleased to announce that Bonnie Button, RN, has achieved Certified Diabetes Educator (CDE) status by successfully completing the Certification Examination for Diabetes Educators. Candidates must meet rigorous eligibility requirements to be able to take the examination. Achieving certification status demonstrates to people with diabetes and employers that the health care professional possesses distinct and specialized knowledge, thereby promoting quality of care for people with diabetes.

Over the course of 18 months, Bonnie spent many hours studying for the exam and presenting numerous community education programs. The CDE certification allows St. James Mercy to move forward in the process of seeking Accreditation for its Diabetes Self Management Education Program by the American Association of Diabetes Educators.



***Certified Diabetes Educator, Bonnie Button, RN***