

IBCCES Acquires IIES and Names Lyndsey Herrman as CEO

Acquisition creates the largest independent credentialing and continuing education organization for professionals in the fields of human services and special needs

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., September 9, 2013 /PRNewswire/ – The International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards, better known as IBCCES, today announced that it has acquired the International Institute of Educational Standards (IIES). IBCCES serves a global community of autism experts and provides objective standards for certification. IIES has built a reputation as the leading credentialing and certification organization for professionals in the field of autism. The acquisition of IIES allows IBCCES to take its place as the largest and most prestigious source for credentialing and certifications for professionals specializing in special education and specifically autism support fields.

Lyndsey Herrman will serve as Chief Executive Officer of the newly merged company. Formerly the CEO of IIES, Herrman brings a wealth of experience to the corporate table and is a recognized leader in licensing and certification in the continuing education community. The Chairman of the Board for IBCCES, Myron Pincomb, stated, "We have great confidence that Lyndsey's experience and leadership skills will help our organization change the lives of those with autism." Pincomb went on to praise Herrman as a "seasoned executive who has been immersed in the fields of licensing, credentialing and continuing education for the past decade." Herrman also expressed her enthusiasm for her new position, stating, "I'm privileged to have the opportunity to lead an organization with a rich passion for special education."

The two primary certifications provided by IBCCES are the Certified Autism Specialist (CAS) and the Autism Certificate (AC) programs. To achieve these certifications, educational professionals must meet stringent eligibility requirements:

- For CAS certification, applicants must have completed a master's degree program in special education or in a related field, must have two years of experience working in the with special needs students and must maintain 14 continuing education units in autism-related subjects every two years to retain certification.
- For AC certification, applicants must maintain 14 continuing education units in autism-related subjects each two years and must currently be working in an educational environment or attending classes at university in the educational field.

IBCCES will continue to serve the educational community with certification and credentialing for professionals in the autism field to ensure the highest standards in this critical educational area.

About IBCCES:

IBCCES, is the largest independent credentialing and continuing education organizations with a focus in special needs and human services. The IBCCES is the accrediting body for the Certified Autism Specialist (CAS) and the Autism Certificate (AC) programs. Our certification programs recognize professionals in the field of Autism who have met predetermined standards in their training, experience and performance. CAS and AC professionals live and work in the U.S. and more than 40 countries around the world.

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