



After careful consideration, the ANCC Commission on Certification (COC) has decided to retire the examination for the Pediatric Primary Care NP (PPCNP-BC) certification as of December 31, 2018.

ANCC will continue to accept applications for testing through December 31, 2018.

Candidates deemed eligible for the ANCC PPCNP-BC will continue to have the opportunity to test until December 31, 2019.

Nurse Practitioners currently holding a PPCNP-BC can continue to use their credentials and maintain the certification by fulfilling the published renewal requirements.

Effective January 1, 2019, nurses seeking certification as a primary care PNP will need to apply to the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB) for initial certification as CPNP-PC.

The PNCB CPNP-PC certification has been available since 1977. The CPNP-PC exam validates entry-level knowledge of graduates from master's or DNP degree programs or postgraduate certificate programs for primary care pediatric nurse practitioners (PNPs). This exam is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) and meets the National Council of State Boards of Nursing's APRN criteria for certification programs.

The COC has been committed to this certification since 1974. Due to a continual low volume of test takers and the availability of the PNCB certification, the COC decided to retire the PPCNP-BC certification.

Please contact ANCC directly with any questions at APRNInfo@ana.org or 1.800.284.2378.