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RE: Status Update: Portfolio Program for Board Certification

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The ANCC Portfolio program for board certification was launched in 2012 as a strategy to certify nurses in specialty areas of practice where an examination was deemed not feasible to develop or did not currently exist. To date, ANCC has seven (7) Portfolio programs including Faith Community Nursing, Advanced Forensic Nursing, Advanced Genetics Nursing, Hemostasis Nursing, Rheumatology Nursing, Advanced Public Health Nursing, and Emergency Nurse Practitioner.

While the Portfolio program has achieved some of its intended goals, applicant volumes have not reached a level whereby any of the programs have achieved financial stability. In addition, persistent low applicant volumes preclude ANCC from applying for external accreditation.

Therefore, the Commission on Certification (COC), in collaboration with ANCC program leadership, has decided to end the Portfolio program.

Those who are currently certified by portfolio will be able to maintain their certification by meeting ANCC's certification renewal requirements. Those who have current applications under review will receive a certification decision by early December. As of October 10, 2017, ANCC will not be accepting applications for submission to current Portfolio programs, nor will it explore developing new Portfolio products at this time.

ANCC wishes to extend its sincere appreciation to all the volunteers who helped develop the individual Portfolio programs.

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