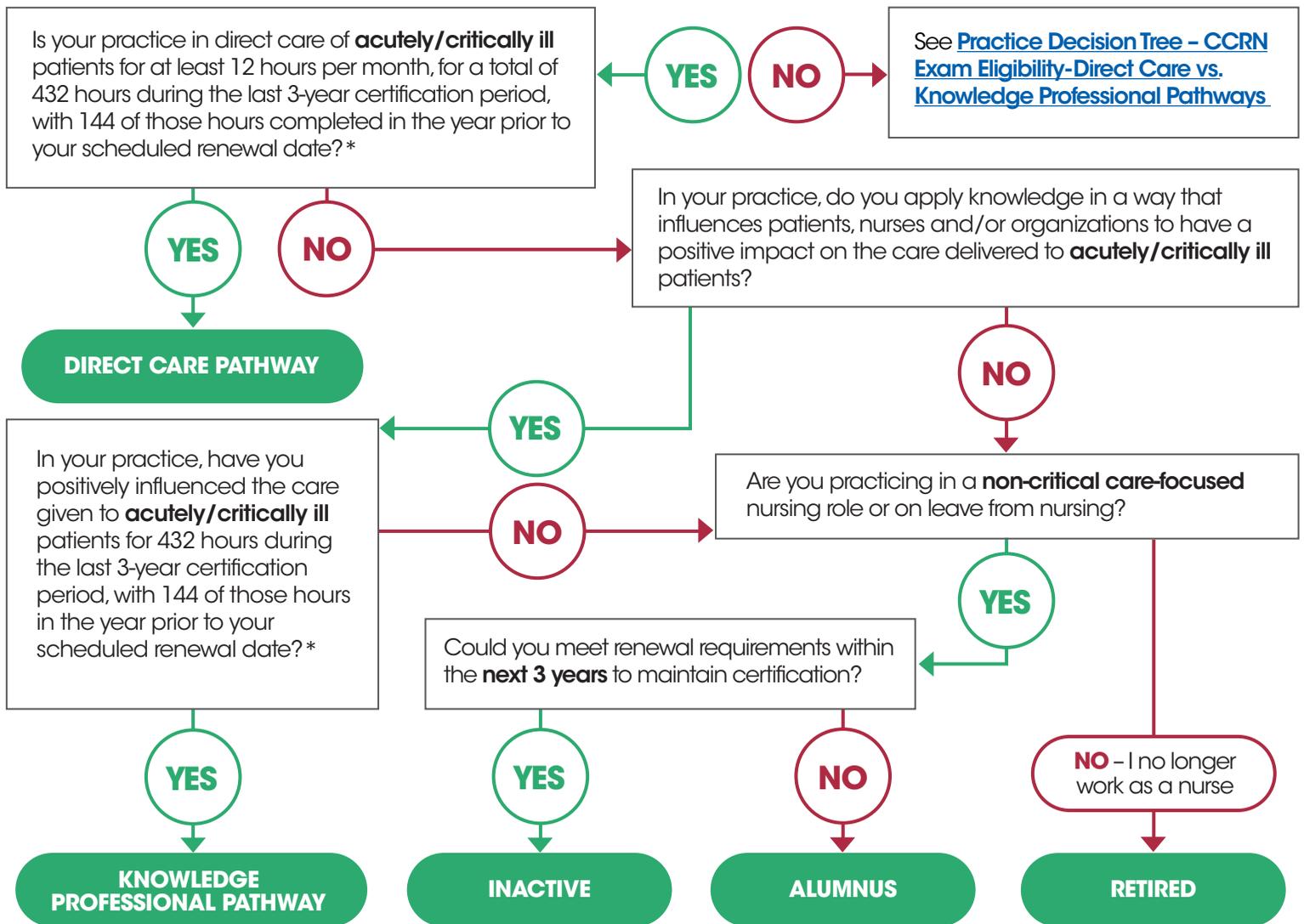


Practice Decision Tree — CCRN Renewal Direct Care vs. Knowledge Professional Pathways

Are you currently CCRN certified?



- Nurses serving as a manager, educator, APRN or preceptor may apply hours spent supervising nursing students or nurses at the bedside toward the clinical hour requirement for the CCRN Renewal - Direct Care Pathway. Nurses who **exclusively** or **primarily** provide direct care (e.g., staff/bedside nurses, ACNPs) would **not** be eligible for the CCRN Renewal - Knowledge Professional Pathway.
- The CCRN Renewal - Knowledge Professional Pathway is for nurses who in their practice influence patients, nurses and/or organizations to have a positive impact on the care delivered to acutely/critically ill patients but do **not** primarily provide direct care.
- Practice hours for renewal eligibility must be focused on the same patient population (adult, pediatric or neonatal) as current certification.
- *A majority of the total practice hours and those in the year prior to application for CCRN renewal eligibility must focus on **critically ill** patients.

For detailed eligibility requirements, refer to the CCRN renewal handbook applicable to your renewal pathway at www.aacn.org/certhandbooks