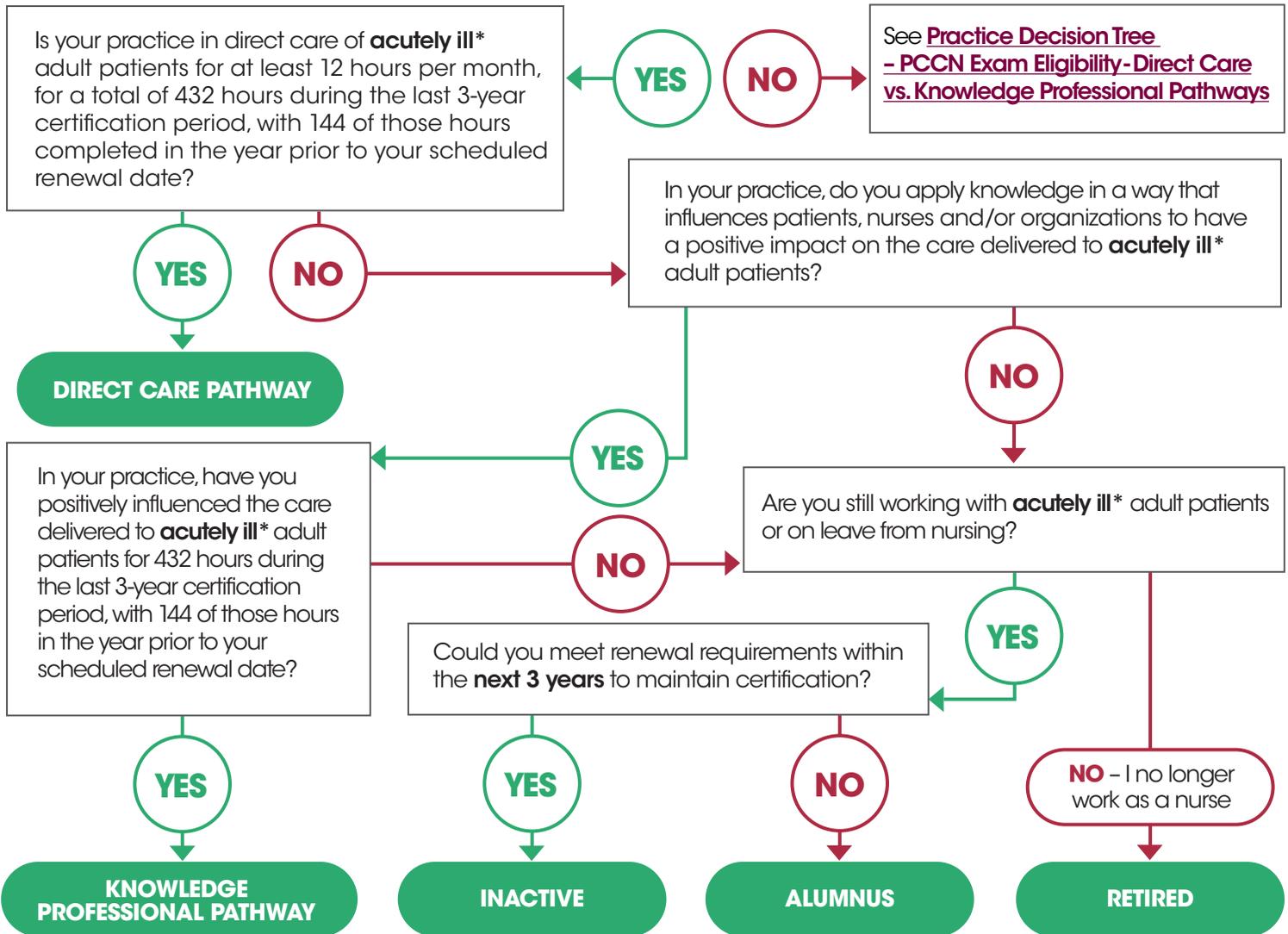


Practice Decision Tree — PCCN Renewal Direct Care vs. Knowledge Professional Pathways

Are you currently PCCN 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 PCCN Renewal - Direct Care Pathway. Nurses who **exclusively** or **primarily** provide direct care (e.g., staff/bedside nurses, ACNPs) would **not** be eligible for the PCCN Renewal - Knowledge Professional Pathway.
- The PCCN 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 ill adult patients but do **not** primarily provide direct care.

***Acutely ill** (sometimes called "high acuity") patients are moderately stable with an elevated risk of instability, requiring a high intensity of care and vigilance.

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