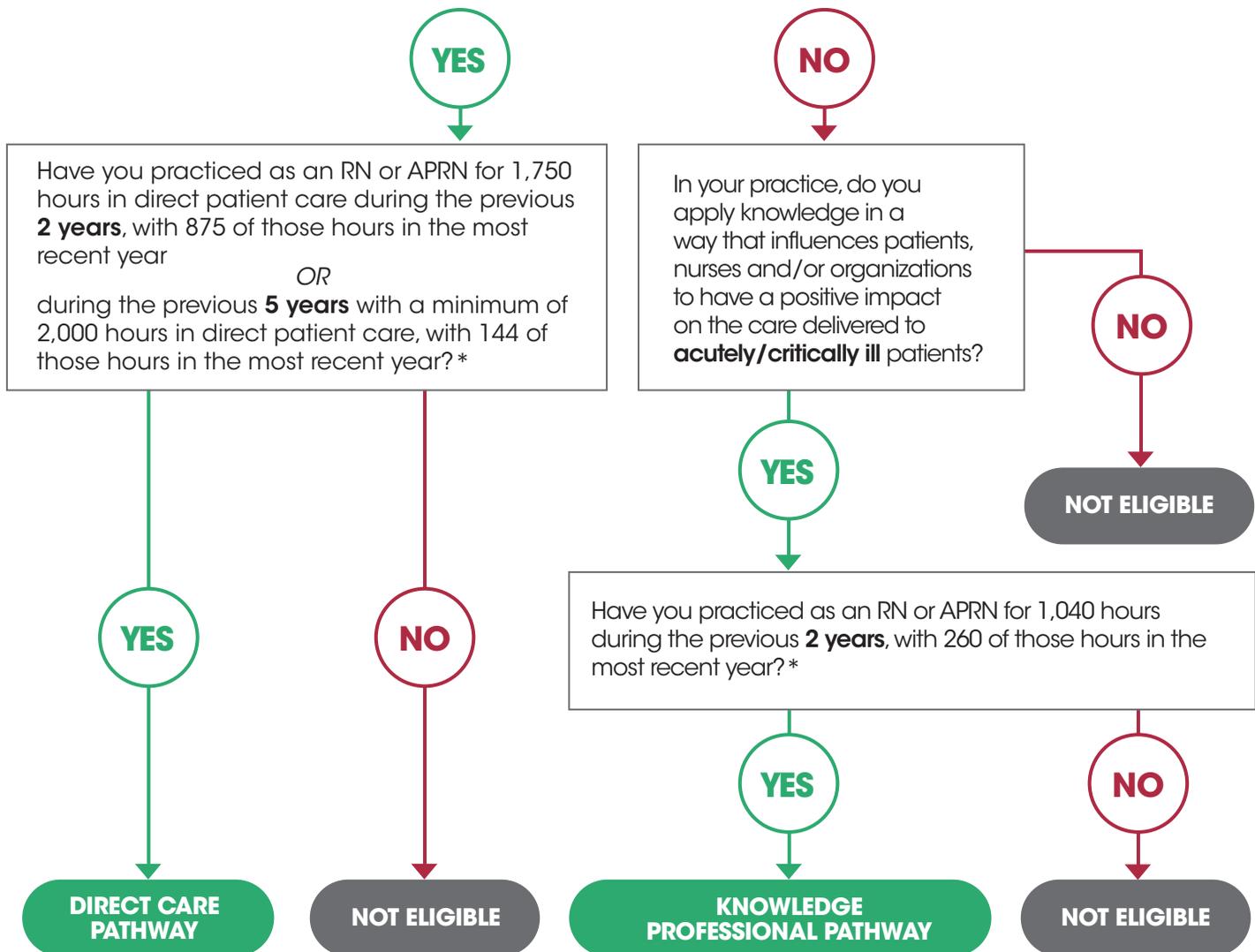


Practice Decision Tree — CCRN Exam Eligibility

Direct Care vs. Knowledge Professional Pathways

In your practice, do you *exclusively* or *primarily* provide direct care to acutely/critically ill patients?



- 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 Exam - Direct Care Pathway. Nurses who **exclusively** or **primarily** provide direct care (e.g., staff/bedside nurses, ACNPs) would **not** be eligible for the CCRN Exam - Knowledge Professional Pathway.
- The CCRN Exam - 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 exam eligibility must be focused on a single patient population (adult, pediatric or neonatal).
- * A majority of the total practice hours and those in the year prior to application for CCRN exam eligibility must focus on **critically ill** patients.

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