

October 24, 2017

Status Update for Faith Community Nurse Certification from the ANCC

Our dialogue with the ANCC continues regarding the options for Faith Community Nursing certification.

We received official notification yesterday from Kathy Chappell, PhD, RN, FNAP, FAAN regarding an extension of the portfolio program. We have also been in further conversations. Their memo with their new plan, details and the deadline extension is below.

We are pleased to share this updated information with you. We encourage our members who are interested in completing the Faith Community Nursing Certification Through Portfolio to take advantage of this extension. HMA leadership will continue to participate in meetings with the ANCC to explore options regarding certification.

MEMORANDUM

To: Marlene Feagan, President

Representing: Faith Community Nursing

From: Kathy Chappell, PhD, RN, FNAP, FAAN, SVP, Accreditation, Certification, Measurement, and the Institute for Credentialing Research

Date: October 23, 2017

RE: Status Update: Portfolio Program for Board Certification

Following ANCC's decision to terminate the portfolio program, I have received requests for re-consideration of that decision and requests to support applications from individual nurses who were in the process of drafting document submission. In response, the Certification and Measurement leadership team, in collaboration with ANCC executive leaders, has developed the following plan:

ANCC will accept applications from individual nurses for the portfolio program until November 17, 2017. This date cannot be extended, therefore nurses are asked to submit their applications as soon as possible.

ANCC will provide a certification decision on or before December 8, 2017.

For questions or comments, please feel free to reach out to me directly at Kathy.Chappell@ana.org or (301) 628-5231.

October 9, 2017

In an effort to be transparent, we wish to share important news we received from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) on Monday, October 9, 2017.

During a phone conversation between HMA President Marlene Feagan and Kathy Chappell, PhD, RN, FNAP, FAAN, the ANCC SVP Accreditation, Certification, Measurement and the Institute for Credentialing Research, we were notified that the Faith Community Nursing Certification by portfolio program, was ending effective October 10, 2017. This decision also affects the other six specialties who have certification by portfolio. [Read the official notification from ANCC.](#)

While this news is disappointing, HMA is proud to have been part of this partnership with ANCC to bring this program to our specialty practice. We are currently in dialogue with ANCC and the six other organizations affected by this decision to explore our options.

ANCC is the appropriate resource for information regarding the issue. **Questions should be directed to Dr. Chappell at ANCC as noted in the above notification. You may also reach out to Marianne Horahan at ANCC via email Marianne.horahan@ana.org.**

HMA is the membership organization representing the specialty practice of Faith Community Nursing. Moving forward, we will keep you informed as more details are available via our newsletters and website notifications.