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## Perinatal Certification Exam Retired

The Perinatal Certification Exam has been retired\*\* (i.e. it is no longer offered); the last administration of the exam was on May 19, 2007.

ANCC made numerous efforts over the last two years to raise the numbers of nurses interested in this exam, but unfortunately the response was not sufficient to retain it.

Nurses with current Perinatal Certification can maintain their certification indefinitely by meeting the minimal practice hours required, 1000 every 5-year certification period (about 200 hours per year or 4 hours per week) in the specialty and meeting professional development requirements.

However, it will no longer be possible to renew by retesting. If you have any questions about this matter, please contact our customer care center toll free at 800-284-2378.

We value the opportunity to serve your nursing certification and professional development needs. Thank you for choosing ANCC!

**\*\*\*Please Note:** The retirement of an exam only affects those that want to take the exam.

Nurses currently certified in perinatal nursing can continue to maintain their certification indefinitely by meeting the practice hour and professional development requirements for certification renewal every five years. The ANCC reactivation policy allows nurses to reactivate a lapsed certification for up to two years after the expiration date without re-testing, subject to meeting of practice and professional development requirements.