To: All Accredited and Applicant Organizations

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Re: Update to 2020 Eligibility Criteria – Revision

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The Commission on Accreditation in Practice Transition Programs (COA-PTP) has voted to update the eligibility criteria within the 2020 Practice Transition Accreditation Program Application Manual.

Eligibility criteria from 2020 PTAP Application Manual found on page 6:

To be eligible to apply, an applicant must:

- Have a program that meets the ANCC definition of an RN Residency, RN Fellowship, or APRN Fellowship Program;
- Define the scope of the program (as described above) where the RN Residency / RN or APRN Fellowship Program is operationalized; if applying as a multi-site program applicant, must be able to demonstrate that the program is operationalized consistently across all sites;
- Have a Program Director who holds a current, unencumbered license as an RN (or international equivalent), a graduate degree or higher with either the baccalaureate or graduate degree in nursing (or international equivalent), and education or experience in adult learning;
- Have a Program Director who has primary accountability within the organization or practice setting(s) to ensure compliance with ANCC PTAP criteria;
- Verify that a minimum of one resident or fellow has completed the RN Residency / RN or APRN Fellowship Program;
- Be in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws (or international equivalents) and regulations that affect the ability of the organization or practice setting(s) to meet the ANCC PTAP criteria; and
• Disclose previous program denials, suspensions, or revocations of ANCC accreditation or accreditation/approval by any other accrediting organization.

Updated/Revised Eligibility Criteria for 2020 PTAP Application Manual (September 4, 2019)

To be eligible to apply, an applicant must:

• Have a program that meets the ANCC definition of an RN Residency, RN Fellowship, or APRN Fellowship Program;

• Eligibility criteria for program applicants, must include graduation from an accredited nursing program, current unencumbered licensure (or international equivalent) as an RN/APRN, and certification as applicable to the program.

• Verify that a minimum of one resident or fellow has completed the RN Residency / RN or APRN Fellowship Program;

• Define the site(s) included in the program where the RN Residency / RN or APRN Fellowship is currently operationalized.
  o All site(s) must have a resident/fellow who had completed the program to be include in the application.
  o If applying as a multi-site program, applicants must be able to demonstrate that the program is operationalized consistently across all sites;

• Define the workplace setting(s) of the program where the RN Residency / RN or APRN Fellowship is currently operationalized.
  o All workplace settings must have a resident/fellow who had completed the program to be include in the application.

• Have a Program Director who holds a current, unencumbered license as an RN (or international equivalent), a graduate degree or higher with either the baccalaureate or graduate degree in nursing (or international equivalent), and education or experience in adult learning;

• Have a Program Director who has primary accountability within the organization or practice setting(s) to ensure compliance with ANCC PTAP criteria;
• Be in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws (or international equivalents) and regulations that affect the ability of the organization or practice setting(s) to meet the ANCC PTAP criteria; and

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