



NCC Status Options

1. Reduced Practice

While holding reduced practice status, an NCC:

- Must work as a counselor 10 hours or less per week, but may see a few clients and provide volunteer counseling services.
- Must continue to abide by the NBCC *Code of Ethics*.
- Must continue to pay the \$75 annual certification fee for the NCC, as well as the fees for any specialty certifications (NCSC, CCMHC or MAC).
- Must complete 10 hours of continuing education every five years for recertification.
- May continue to use the “NCC” designation.
- Continues to receive *The National Certified Counselor*, NBCC’s official newsletter.
- May retain reduced practice status as long as he or she meets the requirements; there is no time limit for this status.

2. Retired

While holding retired status, an NCC:

- Is not currently practicing as a professional counselor.
- Must continue to adhere to the NBCC *Code of Ethics*.
- Must pay an annual certification fee of \$10.
- Is not required to complete continuing education hours.
- May continue to use the “NCC” designation.
- Continues to receive *The National Certified Counselor*, NBCC’s official newsletter.
- May retain retired status as long as he or she meets the requirements; there is no time limit for this status.

3. Temporary Inactive

While holding temporary inactive status, an NCC:

- Is not currently practicing as a professional counselor due to extenuating health or family circumstances. An explanation of the extenuating circumstances and applicable documentation must be included with the status change request.
- Must continue to adhere to the NBCC *Code of Ethics*.
- May retain this status for up to two years, after which he or she must return to an active status or relinquish the certification.
- Is not required to pay an annual certification fee.
- Is not required to complete continuing education hours. If an NCC’s expiration date passes while holding this status, the 100 hours of continuing education are due when the temporary inactive status ends. As usual, an NCC can request an extension of up to one year in order to complete the required continuing education hours or take an applicable examination.
- May not use the “NCC” designation.
- Continues to receive *The National Certified Counselor*, NBCC’s official newsletter.

An NCC may also choose to relinquish the NCC credential. Reinstatement of a relinquished or lapsed NCC requires documentation of continuing education hours or a passing score on the National Counselor Examination for Licensure and Certification (NCE) or the National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE), and payment of all applicable fees. NCCs interested in reinstatement should contact the NBCC Recertification Department.

All status options require submission of the appropriate status change form.

The National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC) values diversity. There will be no barriers to certification on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation or national origin.