



## NBCC REDUCED-PRACTICE AND RETIRED STATUS OPTION GUIDELINES

### 1. **Reduced-Practice** (Gold Form)

- Candidates for this status will sign an attestation that they are at least 75% retired, but maintain the option to see a few clients and provide volunteer counseling service.
- May use the “NCC” designation
- Must continue to adhere to the NBCC Code of Ethics
- No time limitation for retaining this status
- \$75 per year fee for NCC; \$30 per year fee for any specialty certification (NCSC, CCMHC or MAC)
- 10 hours of continuing education are required every 5 years with recertification date
- Continue to receive the NBCC newsletter
- Requires submission of form and fee payment

### 2. **Retired-Inactive** (Purple Form)

- Not currently practicing as a professional counselor
- May use the “NCC Retired-Inactive” designation, but not “NCC”
- Must continue to adhere to the NBCC Code of Ethics
- No time limitation for retaining this status
- \$20 per year fee
- No requirement for continuing education hours
- Continue to receive the NBCC newsletter
- Requires submission of form and fee payment

### 3. **Temporary-Inactive** (*The Temporary-Inactive Status will be granted only in the case of extenuating health or family circumstances.*) (Purple Form)

- Not currently practicing as a professional counselor
- May use the “NCC-Inactive” designation, but not “NCC”
- Must continue to adhere to the NBCC Code of Ethics
- 2 year time limit for retaining this status
- No fee
- No requirement for continuing education hours
- If the NCC’s recertification date passes while under this status, the 100 hours of continuing education is due once the Temporary-Inactive status is expired. Can request a one-year extension from the time the status expires to complete the 100 hours or take the National Counselor Examination (NCE).
- Continue to receive the NBCC newsletter
- Requires submission of letter and form

NCCs may also choose to **relinquish** their NCC credentials. **Reinstatement** to active status from any of these status options **or** from Relinquished status is obtainable through maintenance of continuing education hours or taking the NCE **and** by payment of all applicable fees. If you are interested in reinstatement please contact the NBCC Recertification Department. All fees are subject to change.