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NCCPA ANNOUNCES NEW PA-C EMERITUS DESIGNATION FOR RETIRING PAs
Program Proceeds Will Benefit the PA Foundation Student Scholarship Fund

Johns Creek, GA, Oct. 25, 2016 – The National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants ([NCCPA](http://nccpa.net)) has announced a new designation to honor currently and formerly certified Physician Assistants who have proven their dedication to lifelong learning and maintenance of certification and are now retired from practice. The *PA-C Emeritus* designation will be awarded to those PAs who:

- Are at least 60 years old or unable to practice due to permanent disability
- Are retired from clinical practice
- Have been NCCPA-certified at least 20 cumulative years as a PA
- Have no reportable actions in their NCCPA disciplinary history

According to NCCPA Board Chair Denni Woodmansee, MS, PA-C, “The PA-C Emeritus designation recognizes certified PAs who have a long history of upholding the highest professional standards. It is a title of respect that acknowledges their willingness to complete rigorous recertification requirements throughout their careers as part of their commitment to the patients they served.”

Through the end of 2017, NCCPA will accept applications from all PAs meeting the requirements above. Beginning in 2018, applications will only be accepted from currently certified PAs, to be awarded when their PA-C certification expires.

Proceeds from the one-time \$50 application fee will be donated to the PA Foundation to expand the NCCPA Endowed Scholarship that funds three annual scholarships to PA students.

The PA-C Emeritus an honorary title and is not equivalent to PA-C certification; it is intended for those who no longer need to maintain certification.

For more information or to apply, PAs should visit www.nccpa.net/emergitus.

About the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants: The [National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants \(NCCPA\)](http://nccpa.net) is the only certifying organization for physician assistants (PAs) in the United States. The PA-C credential is awarded by NCCPA to PAs who fulfill certification, certification maintenance and recertification requirements. NCCPA also administers the [Certificate of Added Qualifications \(CAQ\)](http://www.PAsDoThat.net) program for experienced, Certified PAs practicing in seven specialties. For more information, visit www.PAsDoThat.net.

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