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We regret to inform CANN membership that the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) has retired the CNA Neuroscience Certification Exam as of November 2019. As many CANN members are aware, neuroscience nursing was the first nursing specialty to be designated for specialty certification with CNA in 1987, and ours was the first CNA Certification Exam. This decision was made by the CNA following several years of extensive collaborative effort between CNA and CANN aimed at increasing the numbers of both initial neuroscience certification applications and certification renewals. Unfortunately, despite these efforts, we have been unable to meet CNA’s annual target of 100 initial exam writers and renewals combined. Although our exam is officially retired, CANN will continue to explore exam resurrection opportunities. In addition, CANN members who are currently certified will continue to be eligible for certification renewal using the continuous learning activities option.

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