Overview

Applicants are those individuals with two or more years’ experience in clinical research, meet all of the eligibility and application requirements, and successfully complete a written examination.

Examination Schedule at OHSU

Date: Monday, November 9, 2015
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location: Center for Health & Healing, 3rd floor, Rm 1A&B

Registration – Deadline September 28, 2015

You must register through SoCRA*
http://www.socra.org/html/certific.htm#Certification_Application

*Please note that you must be a current SoCRA Member before registering for this exam. See Eligibility.

SoCRA Statement of Purpose

SoCRA established the Certification Program for Clinical Research Professionals in order to create an internationally accepted standard of knowledge, education, and experience by which clinical research professionals will be recognized by the medical research community.

Definition of a Clinical Research Professional

A Clinical Research Professional functions as a clinical investigator, sub-investigator, clinical researcher, research nurse, administrator, coordinator, consultant, or educator in clinical trial management. A Clinical Research Professional is involved in one or more aspects of clinical trials (GCP) research, including data collection, analysis, or monitoring; case management of protocol participants; recruitment and enrollment of human subjects; protection of subjects and subjects’ rights through IRB relations; development of informed consents; preparation of adverse event experience reports; construction or monitoring of case report forms; maintenance of drug accountability records; grant and budget development; report preparation; education of other health-care professionals, patients or families regarding clinical trials, protocol development, program administration; and research program audit.

Examination Content

The certification examination is made up of five major subject areas: Conduct of Clinical Trials; Institutional Review Boards and Regulations; Ethical Issues; Ability to Follow Instructions; Abstracting Information from Medical Records.

A study guide will be included your SoCRA registration packet.

Eligibility

The applicant must be a current member of SoCRA working with GCP guidelines under IRB/EC/REB approved (or specifically exempted) protocols.

The applicant must meet one of the following criteria:

- Have two years of experience as a full-time Clinical Research Professional (or have 3500 hours part time) during the last five years, OR
- Hold an Associate’s Degree or Bachelor’s Degree in Clinical Research, AND have 1 year of full-time experience (or 1750 hours part-time) during the last two years in an area of clinical research, OR
- Hold a Certificate of Completion from an Undergraduate or Graduate Clinical Research curriculum of no less than 12 semester (credit) hours at an academically accredited institution of higher learning (community college, college or university) AND hold an Associate’s Degree or a Bachelor’s Degree in science, health science, pharmacy or a related field PLUS have 1 year of full-time experience (or 1750 hours part time) during the past two years in an area of clinical research.

SoCRA Membership Online Application

Term of Certification

The CCRP (SoCRA) is awarded for three years to continuing members of SoCRA. Renewal after three years requires 45 hours of validated continuing education credit, completion of a re-certification quiz, a re-certification fee and consecutive years’ membership in SoCRA.

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SoCRA Study Group

If you are interested in joining a study group at OHSU, please contact Carrie Farrar at farrarc@ohsu.edu or 503-494-4233. This is a great way to meet other coordinators and prepare for the exam!!