

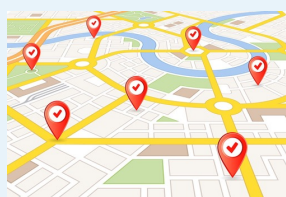
A Complete Guide on Becoming a Clinical Research Associate (CRA)

WHO IS A CRA?

A Clinical Research Associate is a person who helps to test new products. They work with the research sponsor or clinical research organisation (CRO), and the clinics or hospitals where the product is being tested. The CRO may be a large company, a University, or a small research firm contracted to test the product in clinical trials on human participants



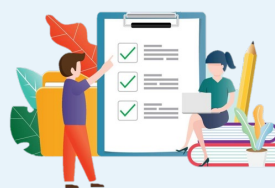
THE ROLE OF A CRA



choosing and setting up locations for trials



developing and documenting protocols



creating forms and surveys for data collection



training staff to follow the protocol, and monitoring ongoing research

QUALIFICATIONS AND QUALITIES OF A CRA

CRA's need a degree in medical or life sciences to be able to do their job well. It is also recommended that CRA's know subjects like anatomy, biology, biochemistry, chemistry, immunology, pharmacology, physiology, toxicology so they can manage data and work with electronic data capture tools while also reporting important trends from start-to finish!

Besides, the ideal CRA has the ability to identify and correct compliance violations at a study site. They should be able not only to bring such instances before site staff, but also to induce them into taking corrective action as well as reporting it when necessary.



Competency of a CRA (Clinical Research Associate)	Contribution to Professional Success
Medical Knowhow	(i) Understand disease presentation/medical condition
	(ii) Articulate clinical research objectives, method and challenges
Life Sciences Knowledge	(i) Comprehend investigational product or IP (drug/device) characteristics
	(ii) Forecast possible effects and risks of IP to biology of patients (human participants)
Data Management Skill	(i) Oversee data input and formatting
	(ii) Identify inaccuracies and missing data
	(iii) Detect trends and patterns in data
	(iv) Visualize and report data in intuitive, easy-to-understand format
Emotional Intelligence	(i) Optimize strategies for participant recruitment and retention
	(ii) Manage social and cultural diversity with sensitivity and tact
Interpersonal Adeptness	(i) Motivate team members to perform at peak effectiveness
	(ii) Deliver constructive feedback at all levels of hierarchy

CRA CERTIFICATION FOR A NON-CRA

With the right training, you can be recruited directly to a Clinical Research Associate position even without experience in clinical research.

Training To Be A CRA Through The Advanced Clinical Research Associate Certification (ACRAC) Program

The ACRAC program is a comprehensive 250-hour training course that can be completed at your own pace or, for those who are able to dedicate the whole day of study, in as little two weeks

The curriculum covers all important knowledge domains and skill sets required by CRA's including; GCP principles & terminology related specifically towards clinical research plus ICH&GPA regulations

Students will learn on how to design Clinical Trial Protocols, steps involved in getting IRB/IEC approvals and how to prepare required documents. Students also become aware of pharmacovigilance and new drug testing regulatory processes.

Students will also receive on-the-job training includes different types of visits to sites, like preliminary visits (to check if the site is qualified), preparatory visits (to get ready for the trial) and progress monitoring visits (to make sure things are going well).

The ACRAC also covers important paperwork, like the Case Report Form and Trial Master File. Plus, it covers electronic data capture (EDC) and remote monitoring systems

4 Ways to Open Doors

How YOU Can
Build a Dream Career as a Clinical Research Associate

- Be willing to... LEARN**
Prepare yourself... read about clinical research, make notes, ask questions
- Be willing to... HELP**
Volunteer your time... work pro bono... It'll pay you back
- Be willing to... KEEP AT IT**
Don't give up... sometimes it takes over 100 tries to find the perfect fit
- Be willing to... BE FLEXIBLE**
Start wherever you can & use your strengths... patient recruitment, database management, logistics

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Duties and Responsibilities of a Clinical Research Associate (CRA, Monitor) 9 DISCUSSIONS

Responsibilities of a CRA: Part 3

- Collecting completed CRFs from clinical sites.
- Writing monitoring visits reports.
- Filing and collecting trial documentation and reports.
- Ensuring all unused trial supplies are accounted for.
- Closing down study sites on completion of trial.
- Discussing results with a medical statistician, who usually writes technical trial reports.
- Archiving study documentation and correspondence.
- Preparing final reports.

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