



ACRP

Make Your Commitment to Quality Research

Earn the Flagship Certification in Clinical Research



New: ACRP-CP® Certification

There is a new certification in clinical research for all professionals, ACRP Certified Professional (ACRP-CP®). Regardless of your role, practice setting, or career stage, if you work in clinical studies/trials, you can now earn the flagship certification in clinical research.

Our Newest Certification Program: ACRP Certified Professional (ACRP-CP®)



ACRP-CP® (ACRP Certified Professional) is a new credential formally recognizing professionals involved in the conduct of clinical studies/trials who have demonstrated the knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform ethical and responsible clinical research by passing the standardized ACRP Certified Professional Exam.

WHY ACRP-CP® AND WHY NOW?

ACRP is introducing the ACRP-CP® credential in direct response to rapid evolution in the roles of clinical research professionals. With process and technology innovation driving substantial change in how clinical research is conducted, the need for a more inclusive credential reflective of the diverse nature of the roles professionals play in clinical research conduct has never been greater. By introducing the ACRP-CP® credential, ACRP is driving workforce innovation and helping professionals and organizations adapt to evolution.

ACRP is also introducing the ACRP-CP® in direct response to ACRP Members who want the credibility and prestige of an ACRP credential but who are not eligible to earn the role-specific CCRA®, CCRC®, or CPI® credentials. Starting now, a wide range of ACRP Members and clinical research professionals – from patient recruiters and project managers to site managers, quality control and assurance professionals, data specialists, executives, and more

– can earn the flagship certification in clinical research and signify their commitment to quality.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All professionals involved in clinical studies – regardless of their roles, practice settings, or career stages – can earn the ACRP-CP® credential, presuming they have at least 2 years' experience in clinical study/trial conduct and meet other eligibility requirements.

The ACRP-CP® program provides professionals seeking the credibility and prestige of an ACRP credential with an alternative to ACRP's role-specific, specialized credentials, including CCRC® (Certified Clinical Research Coordinator), CCRA®

(Certified Clinical Research Associate), and CPI® (Certified Principal Investigator).

IS THIS AN ENTRY-LEVEL CERTIFICATION?

No. The ACRP-CP® program is not an entry-level certification program. Those seeking to earn the ACRP-CP® credential must have at least 2 years' experience working in clinical studies/trials to be eligible for the ACRP-CP® Exam.

I AM ACRP CERTIFIED, WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME?

Those who have earned ACRP's CCRA®, CCRC®, or CPI® credentials are not impacted by the introduction of the ACRP-CP® credential and will not have to retake their respective exam. CCRA®, CCRC®, and CPI® credential-holders will continue to maintain their respective credentials through the ACRP Maintenance of Certification program.

CCRA®, CCRC®, and CPI® credential-holders are eligible to apply for the ACRP-CP® program and earn dual certification, but are not automatically dual certified, and must pass the ACRP-CP® exam to earn ACRP-CP® certification. Separate fees apply.

WHEN AND HOW CAN I APPLY?

Applications open May 1 for the September/October exam.

Visit acrpnet.org/acrpcp.



“With process and technology innovation driving substantial change in how clinical research is conducted, the need for a more inclusive credential reflective of the diverse nature of the roles professionals play in clinical research conduct has never been greater. We are also responding to the needs of our members who have asked us for a non-role-specific credential.”

JIM KREMIDAS,
ACRP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

What Is ACRP Certification?

ACRP Certification is the formal recognition of clinical research professionals who have demonstrated the knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform ethical and responsible clinical research by passing one of three role-specific certification exams based on international standards.

ACRP Certification is administered by the Academy of Clinical Research Professionals, an independent affiliate of ACRP, whose mission is to promote and maintain high standards and best practices of clinical research by recognizing those professionals who demonstrate a well-defined competency through valid and reliable credentialing programs.

ACRP Certification Programs



ACRP CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL

ACRP Certified Professional is a new credential formally recognizing professionals involved in the conduct of clinical studies/trials who have demonstrated the knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform ethical and responsible clinical research by passing the standardized ACRP-CP Certification Exam.



CERTIFIED CLINICAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

A Clinical Research Associate (CRA) monitors the administration and progress of a clinical trial on behalf of a sponsor. A CRA must be independent of the investigative staff conducting the research at the site or institution. The CCRA® credential is designated to a CRA who has passed the standardized ACRP CRA Certification exam.



CERTIFIED CLINICAL RESEARCH COORDINATOR

A Clinical Research Coordinator (CRC) is a professional who, regardless of job title, works at a clinical research site with study subjects under the immediate direction of a principal investigator whose research activities are conducted under Good Clinical Practice Guidelines. The CCRC® credential is designated to a CRC who has passed the standardized ACRP CRC Certification exam.



CERTIFIED PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

A Principal Investigator (PI) holds a doctoral-level degree (PhD, PharmD, DNP, DO, MD, DDS or equivalent degree) and serves as the primary, sub-, or co-investigator on a clinical trial. A PI accepts responsibility for the safe and ethical conduct of a clinical trial. The CPI® credential is designated to a PI who has passed the standardized ACRP PI Certification exam.

Certification Matters

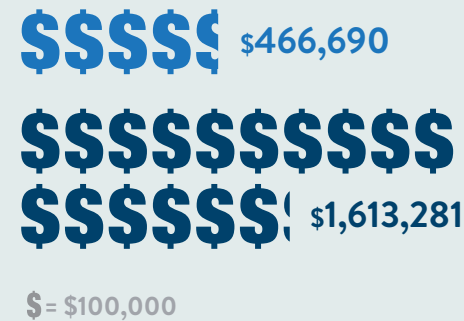
ACRP Certification is making a difference in clinical research, driving site efficiency, establishing professionalism, setting the standard for quality, and defining the future of ethical, responsible clinical research.

By committing to ACRP Certification, you will be promoting professionalism, validating your competence, dedicating yourself to quality standards, and elevating yourself above the crowd.

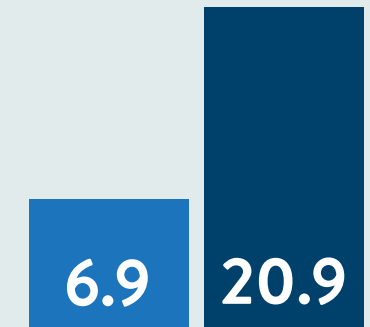
ACRP Certification Boosts Site Performance

■ Fewer Certified Staff
■ More Certified Staff

AVERAGE AMOUNT OF TOTAL STUDY GRANTS INVOICED IN 2013



AVERAGE NUMBER OF CLINICAL TRIALS INITIATED IN 2013



Center Watch/ACRP Site Benchmarking Survey (2014)



THE HIGHEST STANDARD

ACRP holds its Certification programs to the highest standards, as established by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). The CCRC®, CCRA®, and CPI® programs are accredited by the NCCA, meaning they meet the highest standards for development, administration, and governance of certification and testing programs.



“Certification demonstrates my commitment to continuous learning and improvement as a clinical research professional and to upholding the rights and safety of the subjects we treat in clinical trials.”

DEBORAH LASHER, CCRC, CCRA
ACRP CERTIFIED SINCE 1998

Promote Professionalism

From nursing to accounting and beyond, certification programs serve to “professionalize” an occupation.

By committing to ACRP’s Certification programs, you will evolve from a clinical researcher to an established clinical research professional. You will set the example for others to follow and be recognized as a leader.



“My CPI shows I’m serious about clinical research and committed to results for CROs, sponsors, and volunteers.”

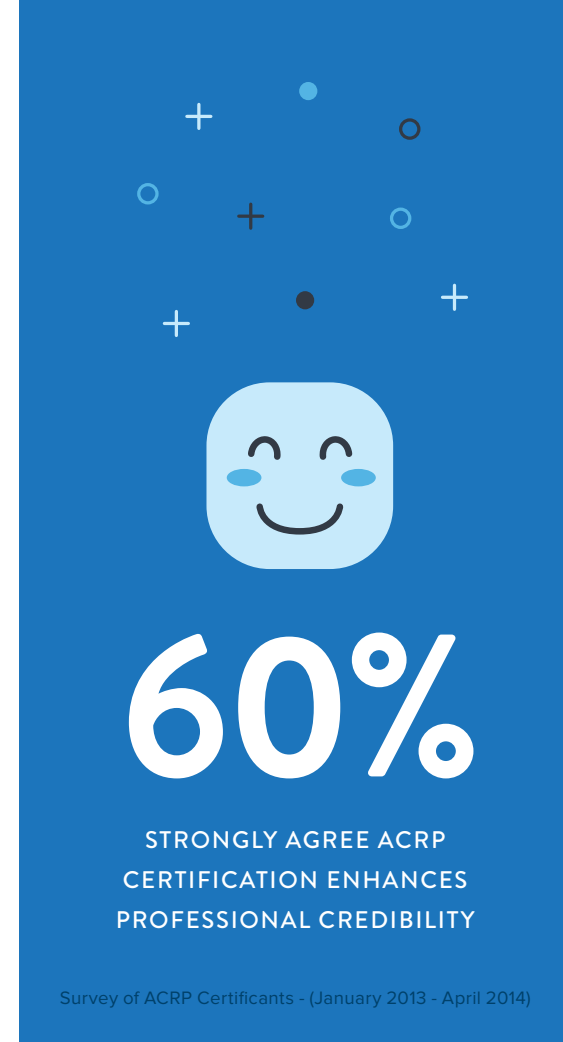
JEFF KINGSLEY, DO, MBA, MS, CPI, FAAFP, FACRP
ACRP CERTIFIED SINCE 2009

A “profession” consists of three primary elements: a defined core body of knowledge and ongoing professional development; assessment of attainment of necessary knowledge and skills (certification); and a code of ethics*.

ACRP Certification programs are grounded in the core body of knowledge as defined through a proprietary job analysis and described in the Detailed Content Outline for

each designation (CCRA®, CCRC®, CPI®, ACRP-CP®). Individuals certified by ACRP commit to keeping their knowledge and skills current through professional development to maintain Certification status every two years, and all agree to adhere to ACRP’s Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct.

* Harvard Business School “Inquiry and Innovation 1908-2008: What Makes a Profession?” Copyright 2009



“Certification lets other in the industry know that you are committed to your profession, ethics, and quality.”

ROXANNE KUJANSON,
RN, CCRP, CCRC, CCRA
ACRP CERTIFIED SINCE 2004



“Becoming a CPI heightened my level of professionalism in doing research studies. The CPI designation means I have demonstrated a level of mastery that places me in a favored position when being viewed by industry and my peers.”

MATTHEW PAUL, MD, FACS, FAAO, CPI
ACRP CERTIFIED SINCE 2006

Validate Your Competence

There's a difference between thinking you're an elite clinical research professional and proving it — to yourself and to others.

Earning your ACRP Certification demonstrates that you have the knowledge, skills, and abilities to safely and ethically perform clinical research.



“Certification has signaled to colleagues a level of expertise and has enabled me to continue to grow and learn.”

ROBERT J. GRECO, BS, RPH, MPH, CCRA, FACRP
ACRP CERTIFIED SINCE 2002

ACRP Certification is an impartial third-party endorsement of your understanding of international clinical research standards and your ability to apply that knowledge on the job.

Unlike other options that test your capacity to recall information, our exams measure your judgment, application of knowledge, and problem-solving abilities.

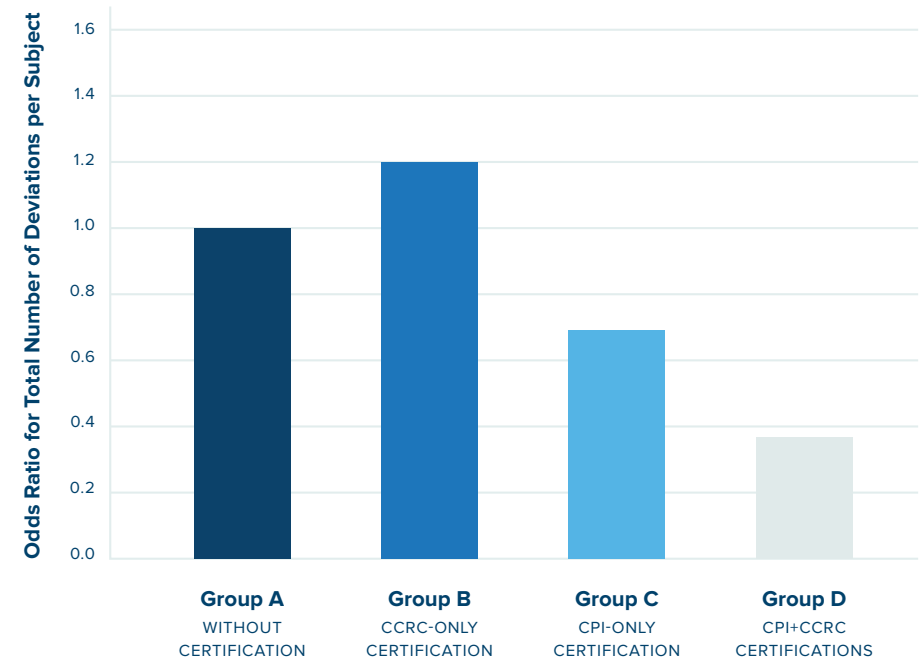
ACRP Certification exams are developed by practicing subject matter experts in clinical research, and are

based on the unique knowledge and skills required for specific job roles, as identified through an internationally validated job analysis survey.

Post-exam statistics verify the reliability of ACRP Certification exams in assessing competencies of clinical research professionals*.

* Academy Certification Exam Annual Reports available at www.acrpnet.org/ExamData.

PROTOCOL DEVIATIONS ARE SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER WHEN INVESTIGATORS ARE ACRP CERTIFIED, EVEN MORE SO WHEN COORDINATORS ARE ALSO ACRP CERTIFIED.



Haeusler, Jean-Marc. “Certification in good clinical practice and clinical trial quality: A retrospective analysis of protocol adherence in four multicenter trials in the USA.” *Clinical Research and Regulatory Affairs* 26(1-2) (2009): 20-23.



“The CPI certification is a valid differentiator in predicting regulatory compliance.”

“CPI CERTIFICATION AS PREDICTOR OF CLINICAL INVESTIGATORS’ REGULATORY COMPLIANCE.”

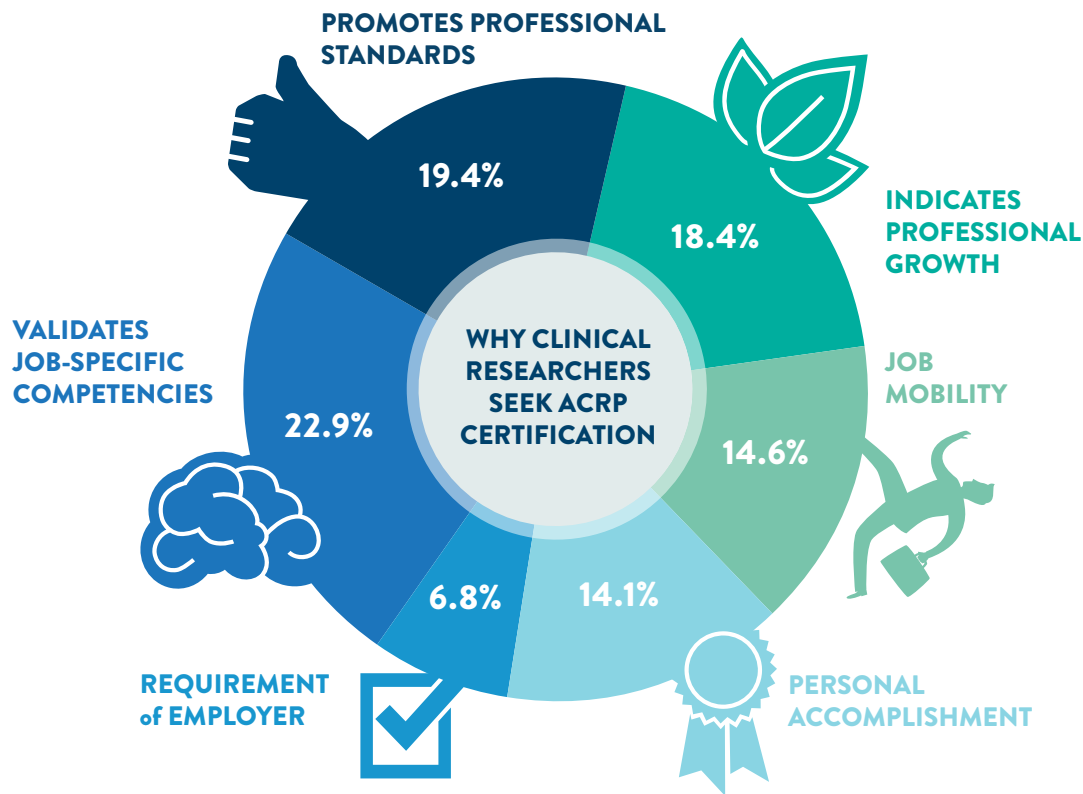
DAVID VULCANO, LCSW, MBA, CIP, RAC IN DRUG INFORMATION
JOURNAL 46 (1) (2012): 84-87.

Commit to Quality Standards

Ensuring human subject protection, data quality, and regulatory compliance are the core tenets of ethical, responsible clinical research.

clinical research – you are making a commitment to uphold these principles in pursuit of the highest international standards of quality research.

By pursuing ACRP Certification – the trusted mark of excellence in



Survey of ACRP Certificants - (January 2013 - April 2014)



“When studying for the CPI exam, I realized I didn’t know as much as I thought. As a result, I became highly motivated to develop a robust understanding of the elements of research and their interactions. Formal certification, once achieved, is a reminder of these efforts and our commitment to quality research.”

DAVID J. MORIN, MD, RPH, FACP, CPI
ACRP CERTIFIED SINCE 2007

“ACRP Certification is a daily reminder of the commitment I have made to honor integrity, honesty, and reliability to the clinical research industry.”



DESIREE M. WARNE, CCRC
ACRP CERTIFIED SINCE 2009



“Being a CCRA makes me a better clinical researcher and that’s a really great feeling.”

JENNIFER DAVIS, CCRA
ACRP CERTIFIED SINCE 2009

Set Yourself Apart

ACRP Certification elevates you above the crowd. The recognition and confidence that result from your commitment will prepare you for greater responsibility and open the door to career advancement.

Employers and colleagues will notice your dedication, giving you an edge in a competitive market.



“Certification means you choose to stand apart from others in the industry and commit to the best practices in our field.”

CYNTHIA FORREST, BBA, CCRC
ACRP CERTIFIED SINCE 2007



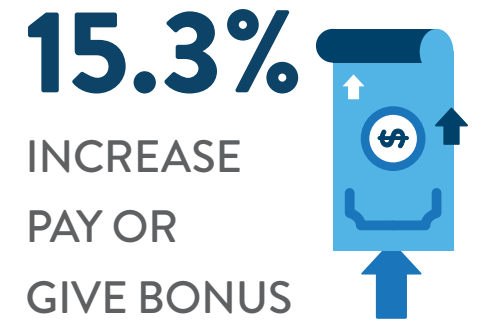
“Certification gives me a personal sense of accomplishment. It means I know what I need to know and have kept up with the industry’s expectations.”

JENNIFER FULLER, BS, MS, CCRA
ACRP CERTIFIED SINCE 2000

ACRP Certificants Earn More



ACRP Certificants Earn an Average of \$10,000 More Than Their Non-Certified Counterparts



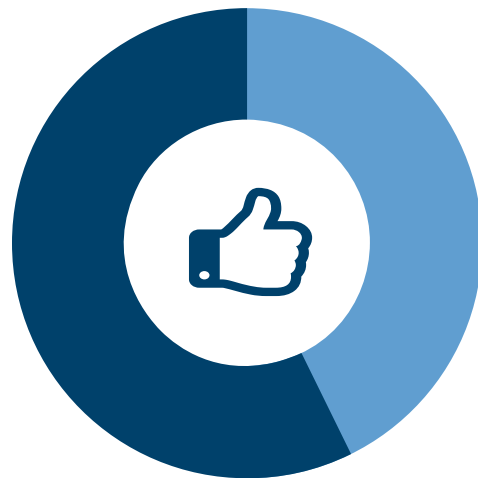
15.3% INCREASE PAY OR GIVE BONUS for ACRP Certification

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62.5%

EMPLOYERS PREFER OR REQUIRE ACRP CERTIFICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

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“The CPI is a designation of clinical research competence. It symbolizes my passion for the patient and my commitment to the ethical and professional standards that are necessary for success in this highly regulated and impactful industry. Most importantly, it quickly distinguishes me as a qualified investigator and places me in the same category as other certified clinical research professionals.”

DANIEL WEISS, MD, CPI
ACRP CERTIFIED SINCE 2011



Get Prepared for Your Exam

ACRP offers a variety of resources to help you study and prepare for your ACRP Certification exam.

Identify potential gaps, familiarize yourself with the content of the exam, and bolster your mastery of GCPs.

CERTIFICATION EXAM PRACTICE EXERCISE

This online exercise includes 50 multiple-choice former exam questions and answers. Familiarize yourself with the type of questions will you face and sit with confidence during your exam.

EXAM REVIEW PACKAGE #1

Each role-specific package includes a self-paced eLearning course, Certification Exam Practice Exercise, ICH Gap Analysis Tool, and an exam prep guide mapped to the exam content.

EXAM REVIEW PACKAGE #2

This package includes everything in Exam Review Package #1, with the added benefit of including ACRP training programs covering Good Clinical Practice and relevant ICH guidelines.

EXAM PREP eLEARNING COURSE

This online program provides guidance on how to prepare for an ACRP Certification exam to candidates eligible to take the exam. Familiarize yourself with the format of the exam, tackle example questions, and conduct a personal gap analysis to ensure you are fully primed to earn your ACRP Certification.

ICH GAP ANALYSIS

This eLearning program tests your knowledge of the ICH guidelines (E2a, E6, E8, and E9) and the Declaration of Helsinki in a fun game format that allows you to conduct a personal gap analysis of your ICH knowledge so you can brush up on any weaknesses before your exam.

GCP FOR THE EXPERIENCED CRA: IMPROVING MONITORING EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS

Test and improve your monitoring knowledge and skills by tackling real-world scenarios and challenges.

GCP FOR THE EXPERIENCED CRC: PARTNERING WITH YOUR INVESTIGATOR TO REDUCE RISK AND AVOID COMMON INSPECTION FINDINGS

Execute clinical trial-related agreements, conduct trials in compliance with protocol and GCP, and develop timely and accurate reports as delegated by your PI.

Browse our certification exam prep materials at acrpnet.org/examprep.

GCP FOR THE EXPERIENCED INVESTIGATOR: REDUCING RISKS AND AVOIDING COMMON INSPECTION FINDINGS

Fulfill your responsibilities as an Investigator to reduce the risk of inspection findings and attracting more clinical trials to your research site.

ACRP CERTIFICATION EXAM PREPARATION: AN UPDATE ON THE 2017 CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS AND ICH E11

This recording provides a brief overview of the first five regulatory guidelines tested on ACRP Certification exams and explores ICH E11: Clinical Investigation of Medicinal Products in the Pediatric Population.



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TransCelerate BioPharma now recognizes the CCRC®, CCRA®, and CPI® designations as evidence of Good Clinical Practice (GCP) training. If you work on trials for one of TransCelerate's member companies, your credential excludes you from redundant GCP training.

The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) now recognizes the CCRC® and CCRA® designations toward assisting a hospital in meeting requirements of its Magnet Recognition Program. If you work in hospital-based research, earning your designation enhances your value.

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