

# **Association for Clinical Research Professionals – Certified Professional ACRP-CP**

## **WHAT IS THE ACRP-CP?**

The ACRP-CP is a new credential formally recognizing professionals involved in the conduct of clinical studies/trials who have demonstrated knowledge, skills, and abilities in clinical research by passing the standardized ACRP-CP Examination.

## **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 and meet other eligibility requirements. *(Please see the ACRP website for additional 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 PROGRAM?**

The ACRP-CP is **NOT** an entry level program. Again, those seeking to earn the ACRP-CP credential must have at least two (2) years' experience working in clinical studies/trials.

### **I AM ACRP CERTIFIED. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?**

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

CCRA < CCRC, CPI holders are eligible to apply for the ACRP-CP program and earn dual certification. Please remember you are **NOT** automatically dual certified – you must pass the ACRP-CP to earn this credential.

### **HOW AND WHEN CAN I APPLY?**

The first ACRP-CP exam will be offered at 600+ testing sites in 80+ countries September 8 – October 7. Applications will be accepted starting May 1.