

Academy & APPI Certification

The Standard of Professional Competency



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Certification Exam – **September 12, 2009**

Final Paper & Pencil Exam

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For more than 15 years, clinical research professionals have come to rely on the Association of Clinical Research Professionals (ACRP) for their certification needs. Recognised as the standard of professional competency, the Academy of Clinical Research Professionals (the Academy) and the Academy of Pharmaceutical Physicians and Investigators (APPI) have certified more than 23,000 clinical research professionals to date – more than any other organisation in the world.*

Certification exams test your expertise on topics and regulations specifically related to your ability to make decisions in practical scenarios. The Academy and APPI provide certification specific to the role you perform, and to the regulations and guidelines governing your role.

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The Global Standard

As globalization becomes increasingly important to clinical research, it has become vital to have a standard measure of professional competency of clinical researchers across the globe. ACRP's affiliates, the Academy and APPI, aim to deliver on this need by providing certification programs that serve as globally consistent and recognizable benchmarks. Offered at more than 50 exam sites around the world, each exam is comprised of content that reflects not only knowledge of guidelines but uniform competency for the conduct of clinical trials. Those who elect to sit for an Academy or APPI exam are all held to the same rigorous standards whether they work in San Francisco or Sydney.

The Value of Certification

Certification is an acknowledgment of clinical research knowledge, skills application and judgment.

By becoming certified, you demonstrate that you have reached a recognised standard of competency in the clinical research field. Certification can have an impact on your career growth and your ability to excel further in the profession.

Validity and Integrity

The Academy and APPI provide certification exams which feature questions that are applicable directly to exam takers because they are based on statistically validated job analyses of clinical research professionals. Certification exam questions are drafted by trained writers with industry experience and passed through a rigorous approval process by exam-specific committees. An independent testing agency provides expert psychometric services and subscribes to all academic and federal examination management standards. This ensures a statistically reliable and measurable exam.

Exam Eligibility

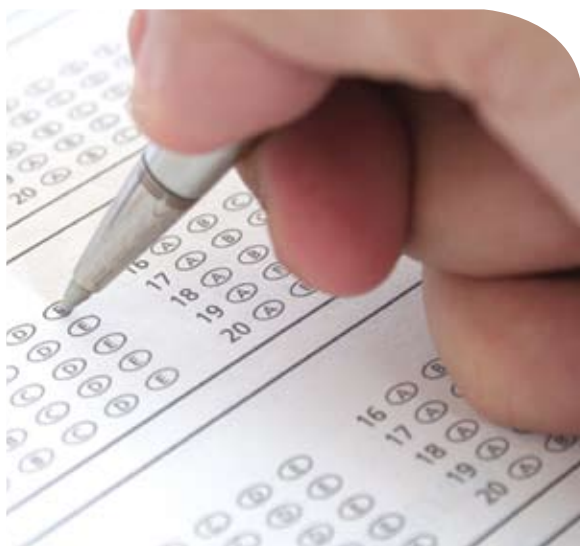
Exam eligibility is determined by academic qualifications and practical work experience. Two years full-time or equivalent part-time clinical research experience performing specific job functions is required to sit for an exam. For a full listing of requirements, visit our website at www.acrpnet.org/certification

Standing Out from the Crowd - The Academy & APPI Advantage

Provides certification exams specific to CRAs, CRCs & Physician Investigators.

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Syllabus is updated every 3-5 years, based on an extensive Job Analysis Survey and new questions are introduced in each examination form.



Certification Exam Review

ACRP offers several exam preparation tools to fit your personal learning style: Registration information can be found online at www.acrpnet.org/examprep

Online Exam Preparatory Package

The Online Exam Prep Package includes three sections: a Certification Exam Preparation Guide, a Helpful Hints document, and a Practice Exam. Packages are available for FDA CRAs, CRCs and Physician Investigators.

'ACRP is the gold standard.'

– Clinical Research Coordinator, CCRC®

'...most respected exam because of the qualification requirements.'

– Certified Physician Investigator, CPI®

'It is the most comprehensive, reputable and globally accepted certification for CRAs.'

– Clinical Research Associate, CCRA®

Statements were derived from the 2009 ACRP Certification Survey.

Applications

An application form is available at www.acrpnet.org/certification for CRAs and CRCs and at www.appinet.org/certification for Physician Investigators. You must submit your completed application form with your C.V. and/or a supporting detailed job description to be considered. The C.V. and job description will help verify that you have the practical experience required for eligibility.

Applications are due July 13, 2009. Applications will be accepted from July 14-27 with a \$150 additional fee.

For additional information about the exam or other related topics visit www.acrpnet.org/certification

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ACRP Instructor-led Certification Exam Review Courses

ACRP offers one-day Certification Exam Review Courses for individuals planning to take the FDA CRA and CRC exams. Courses are scheduled in the months leading up to each exam date.

Online Practice Exams

Practice Exams are available for FDA and ICH CRAs, CRCs and Physician Investigators. Each Practice Exam contains 50 questions that help you prepare for the types and formats of exam questions. Practice Exams can only be accessed for up to 6 months from their purchase date, but can be accessed numerous times within those 6 months.



About ACRP/APPI

Founded in 1976, the Association of Clinical Research Professionals (ACRP) is the leading professional association in the world addressing the unique issues and challenges clinical researchers face daily in their professional lives. Through the voluntary efforts of our 20,000 members, ACRP has become a global forum for the exchange of ideas and the leading resource for information on industry-specific news, advances, issues, trends and regulations. The Association's mission is to provide global leadership to promote integrity and excellence for the clinical research profession.

As of 2006, the Academy of Clinical Research Professionals is the administrative entity for ACRP certification programs for CRAs, CRCs and non-physician investigators and is an affiliate organisation of ACRP.

The Academy of Pharmaceutical Physicians and Investigators (APPI), formerly the American Academy of Pharmaceutical Physicians (AAPP), created a formal affiliation with ACRP in 2005. APPI serves as a professional forum for pharmaceutical physicians and clinical research investigators and is the administrative entity of the Certified Physician Investigator (CPI®) exam.

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