Society of Clinical Research Associates
Mission

• To establish educational programming and provide continuing education for clinical research professionals

• To establish an internationally recognized certification program for Clinical Research Professionals (CCRP)

• To foster the professional development and peer recognition of clinical research professionals
Mission Interpretation

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• To provide training, continuing education, and an internationally recognized certification program that promotes quality clinical research to protect the welfare of research participants and improve global health.

Vision

• To be the global leader for clinical research professional development
History and Growth of Member-Driven Organization

- 1991  SOCRA Founded
- 1992  First Annual Conference
- 1995  First Clinical Science Course
        First CCRP Certification Examination
- 1996  Chapter Program Began
- 1999  First Human Research Protections Program
        First Clinical Investigator Conference
- 2000  First Clinical Research Monitoring Workshop
        First Certification Preparation & Review Course
- 2002  Awarded ANA/ANCC providership for Nurse CNE
- 2003  First Site Symposium - Coordinators, Associates, Nurses
        First FDA Co-Sponsored Regulations Conference
- 2005  SOP Development and Implementation Workshop
        Salary Survey for Clinical Researchers Published
- 2006  First Device Research Conference
- 2007  Pre-Application Approval by ACCME
- 2008  Offer online Basic GCP and Research Protections at No Cost to SOCRA Members through CITI Program
- 2009  Annual Conference Workshop on Device Research
- 2010  Project / Program Management Conference
        Published Second Salary Survey
- 2011  First Online Training Courses Offered
- 2012  Completed and Published Job and Task Survey of Clinical Research Activities
        Instituted Option for Peer Review of SOCRA Source Journal Articles
- 2013  First Conducting Clinical Trials in Canada Conference
- 2014  First Pediatric Clinical Research Conference
- 2015  First Oncology Clinical Trials Conference
- 2016  Offer Risk Based Monitoring & GCP E6 (R2) for Online Education
- 2017  Computer-Based Testing Launched
- 2018  First Emergency Clinical Research Symposium
- 2019  First Clinical Research Nursing Conference
Membership

16,000+ Members (as of October 1, 2019)
Global Membership Represented in 57 Countries
Membership Benefits

- **High Quality Professional Education** - SOCRA membership offers discounted conference, workshop and course registrations. SOCRA education offers CNE and CME, as well as SOCRA CE credit. In addition, SOCRA members enjoy CITI program access and stimulating cost-free chapter events.

- **Leadership Opportunities** - Get involved in a local chapter, speak at a conference, and present a poster during the Annual Conference.

- **CME for Physicians** - SOCRA is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

- **CNE for Nurses** - SOCRA is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.

- **TransCelerate BioPharma** - “This ICH E6 GCP Investigator Site Training meets the minimum criteria for ICH GCP Investigator Site Personnel Training identified by TransCelerate BioPharma as necessary to enable mutual recognition of GCP training among trial.

- **Member Directory** - More than 15,000 Clinical Research Professionals in your global network. Keep in touch with peers through the Member Directory and find members who specialize in your areas of interest.

- **Chapter Network** - Access to local education and networking opportunities through Chapters. All SOCRA members are automatically included in SOCRA’s vast local chapter network for continuing education and numerous networking opportunities.

- **Members Stay Connected** - The SOCRA Source quarterly journal, monthly email newsletters, and periodic email alerts, keep members informed about topics related to clinical research.

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**Membership is only $75.00 annually** – when you become certified and maintain your certification, membership is included with your certification.
Certified Clinical Research Professional
12,000+ CCRPs (as of October 1, 2019)

Clinical Research Professionals (CRPs) come from a wide variety of backgrounds and specialties, work in various settings and have many different responsibilities, BUT we all work under the same regulatory and ethical framework.

SOCRA’s CCRP certification addresses the needs of the industry as a whole, and will follow a Clinical Research Professional (CRP) throughout their career.
Eligibility

The applicant must work under Good Clinical Practice (GCP) guidelines, and with IRB/IEC/REB-approved (or Specifically exempted) protocols. Documented experience must fall within one of the three following categories:

1. 2 year of full-time experience* as a Clinical Research Professional within the past five years
   *equal to 3500 part-time hours

2. 1 year of full-time experience* as a Clinical Research Professional within the past two years
   *equal to 1750 part-time hours

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   *equal to 1750 part-time hours

Degree in “Clinical Research” from an Associate, Undergraduate or Graduate Degree Program*

Undergraduate or Graduate Certificate in “Clinical Research”

Associate or Bachelor Degree in a science, health science, pharmacy or related field

Quality Education | Peer Recognition | Professional Certification
Flexibility

Paper and Pencil
• SOCRA hosts over 90 in person exams a year in paper and pencil format
• SOCRA makes it easy to bring the CCRP exam to your location for your personnel

Computer Based Testing
• Offers the convenience of anytime, anywhere CCRP certification exam testing
• Test when you want and where you want at any of over 600 exam locations (internationally)
• Candidates receive instant score results at the conclusion of the exam

Evolving to meet the changing needs of the clinical research professional
Host the Exam or Prep Course

Host the Exam at your Site

- Exam may be scheduled at your site for a minimum of 10 candidates (guaranteed by site)

Host a Certification Prep and GCP Review Course at your Site

- May be scheduled at your site for a minimum of 20 participants (guaranteed by your site)
Recertification

- The CCRP Recertification Program is dedicated to proving recognition and validation of the professional growth of the individual CCRP to the healthcare community
- Certification period is 3 years
- Certificants must have completed 45 hours (45 credits) of CE during their certification period. A minimum of 22 CE must be related to Clinical Research regulations, policy, etc. The remaining CE may relate to your Therapeutic or Professional Area.

SOCRA offers numerous opportunities for no-cost continuing education
Educational Opportunities

Live Workshops and Conferences

- Clinical Science Course
- Site Management
- Clinical Research Monitoring
- Clinical Investigator & Key Staff
- Site Finance and Budgeting
- SOP Development
- Project / Program Management
- Certification Prep & GCP Review
- Clinical Research Nursing
- Annual Conference

Online Educational Programs

- Device Research Regulations
- FDA Clinical Trial Requirements
- Emergency Clinical Research
- Human Research Protections & Legal Issues
- Clinical Trial Management Systems (CTMS)
- Conducting Clinical Research in Canada
- Pediatric Clinical Research
- Oncology Clinical Research
- Clinical Research Nursing

- IND/IDE Assistance
- cGMP for INDs in Phase I Trials
- Preparation for FDA Inspections
- Risk Based Monitoring
- GCP E6 (R2) Updates
- Bedside Nursing: Want to Write a Research Protocol? What to Consider, Where to Start
- Bedside Nursing: The Journey from Point A to Point B: How to get from Clinical Inquiry to Conducting Nursing Research

https://www.socra.org/conferences-and-education/training-conferences-workshops-courses/

https://www.socra.org/conferences-and-education/clinical-research-courses-online/
Education offers CME and CNE

SOCRA is an Accredited Provider of:

Continuing Medical Education (CME) by ACCME

Continuing Nurse Education (CNE) by ANCC
Annual Conference

Las Vegas, NV  I  September 25-27, 2020

Future Annual Conference Dates:

Denver, COLORADO   September 24-26, 2021
Orlando, FLORIDA    September 16-18, 2022
Montreal, QUEBEC    Sept. 29- Oct. 1, 2023
CANADA

100+ Speakers, 8 Tracks, 14 Preconference Workshops

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Poster Program
• Poster Program is an opportunity to share and learn research and management findings and best practices
• Poster Competition and Special Recognition Award
• Offers $500 Award and Fee Waived Registration

Exhibit Program
• Features new products, services, and career opportunities
Chapters
Local, No Cost CE Opportunities

The purpose of the SOCRA chapter program is to provide a cost free forum under which members can learn, exchange information, grow professionally in clinical research, acquire CE for SOCRA CCRP re-certification, and build strong foundations for successful clinical research outcomes.

• All Volunteer
• No Dues, Recordkeeping, or Fees

Start a chapter near you!
Existing Chapters in New York

Western New York
- Chapter Chair: Ginny Doran
- 716-845-1348
- Virginia.doran@roswellpark.org
- Holds programs 3+x/year on Saturdays

New York State
- Chapter Chair: Kathi Durdon
- 315-464-9290
- durdonk@upstate.edu
- Holds day-long programs 3x/year on Fridays

https://www.socra.org/chapters/about-chapters/
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