

BC SoCRA Certification Exam 2018

Overview

The Society of Clinical Research Associates (SoCRA) established the Certification Program for Clinical Research Professionals (CCRPs) to create an internationally accepted level of knowledge, education, and experience by which clinical research professionals will be recognized by the medical research community.

Clinical Trials BC (part of the BC Academic Health Science Network) supports clinical research professionals working at academic-based BC clinical research sites in achieving SoCRA certification. For 2017/18, Clinical Trials BC is offering 80% reimbursement for 25 successful applicants who work for academic health research organizations.

This program is administered by the Centre for Health Evaluation and Outcome Sciences (CHÉOS) on behalf of Clinical Trials BC. CHÉOS hosts the SoCRA Certification Examination (Paper and Pencil Exam format) and offers informal exam preparation sessions.

Exam date and location

Friday, February 2, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Conference Room 6, St. Paul's Hospital
1400-1081 Burrard St., Vancouver, BC

For parking, transportation, accommodation and Conference Centre directions, visit <http://conferencecentre.providencehealthcare.org/location>. Questions about the exam location may be directed to Leslie Love at llove@cheos.ubc.ca.

Exam preparation

Informal exam preparation sessions will be run over four weeks in January 2018. Participants can attend in person or via a conference call line/skype (more details to follow).

How to register

Applicants must register first to SoCRA for the certification program, then to Clinical Trials BC for reimbursement.

Registering for SoCRA Certification Examination

Deadline for registering to SoCRA for the February 2, 2018 exam in Vancouver is December 22, 2017. Visit the SoCRA website for an overview of the certification program at www.socra.org/certification/certification-program-overview/introduction/. Here, applicants can access all the information required, including instructions for submitting their application and CV.

Registering for Clinical Trials BC reimbursement

Deadline for registering to Clinical Trials BC for reimbursement for the February 2, 2018 exam is January 5, 2018. Applicants are required to submit an application package to Alison Orth by email: AOrth@bcahsn.ca. The package must include:

- A copy of the applicant's SoCRA application
- A copy of the applicant's CV
- A letter to Clinical Trials BC that includes the following details:
 - Why certification is important to them;
 - How it will benefit them in their role as a clinical research professional;
 - Their career aspirations; and
 - Whether they are currently a SoCRA member.

Clinical Trials BC will review applications and notify up to 25 successful candidates of their eligibility for reimbursement prior to the February 2, 2018 certification exam.

Costs & reimbursement

Clinical Trials BC will reimburse successful program applicants 80% of the exam certification cost (\$275 CDN for current SoCRA members and \$325 CDN for non-members) upon receiving notification of certification.

Please review the *Application and Fee* section of the SoCRA website. Clinical Trials BC will reimburse the fees for the SoCRA certification exam (initial payment) only, as part of the Three Year Installment Plan (Option 2) as shown below. The applicant is solely responsible for paying for years two and three.

Option 2: Three Year Installment Plan

- Current Members: \$250 USD initial payment / \$100 in years 2 & 3 (Total \$450) **
- Non - Members: \$300 USD initial payment / \$100 in years 2 & 3 (Total \$500)**

** Includes complimentary SOCRA membership upon successful completion of the exam