

Research Coordinator Certification: SoCRA vs. ACRP

	SoCRA	ACRP
Certification Cost	\$270 (\$195 test + membership \$75 p yr)	\$525 (\$325 exam + \$200 application) <i>early bird prices available initial and post cert</i>
Recertification Cost	\$175 (recertification + membership) AND 45 hrs of CE credits + self-administered test	\$250 (recertification only) AND either 24 contact hrs of CE OR retake exam
Certification valid for	3 yrs	2 yrs
Annual membership	\$75 (required for certification; must be kept current during certification period)	\$150 (not required for certification)
Certification in	Certified Clinical Research Professional (CCRP) - for RCs, PIs, Data Mgrs, QA, IRB staff, etc	Certified Clinical Research Coordinator (CCRC) – specific for RCs <i>Also offer certifications for RAs + PIs</i>
Eligibility	<p>Category 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimum 2 yrs full time (or 3500 hrs part-time) employment in the past 5 years as a clinical research professional <p>Category 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Clinical Research” Associate, Undergraduate or Graduate degree AND - Minimum 1 yr full time (or 1750 hrs part-time) employment in the past 2 years as a clinical research professional <p>Category 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Clinical Research” Undergraduate or Graduate degree with curriculum of 12 semester hrs or 144 credit hrs <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Associate or Undergraduate degree in a science, health science, pharmacy or related field <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimum 1 yr full-time (or 1750 hrs part-time) experience in the past 2 yrs as a clinical research professional 	<p>Option 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Associate or Undergraduate degree OR Registered Nurse (RN) AND - Minimum 3000 hours performing *essential duties AND - Detailed CV/resume AND Job Description <p>Option 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN), Medical Assistant, Lab Technician OR High School Diploma AND - Minimum 4500 hours performing *essential duties AND - Detailed CV/resume AND Job Description <p><i>*essential duties: document adverse events, prepare/review IRB documents, protocol review or study procedures planning, conduct subject visits, maintain source documents, prepare and participate in study visits w/monitor, sponsor, etc, participate in consent process</i></p>
Training cost (optional)	Reference manual included when registering for certification exam In-person training available irregular times per year (few in CA)	Exam Review Bundle (eLearning course and exam practice): \$297 members, \$405 non-members eLearning Course ONLY: \$250 members; \$350 non-members Exam Practice ONLY: \$80 member; \$100 non-member In-person training available irregular times per year (few in CA)

ACRP website: <http://www.acrpnet.org/MainMenuCategory/Certification/CRC Certification.aspx>

SoCRA website: <http://www.socra.org/html/certific.htm>