

Clinical Trial Careers

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Clinical Research Associate (CRA)

Adventure and Excitement

The CRA position is the most popular and exciting clinical careers to enter. If you hold a degree in science or allied healthcare and enjoy using your strengths such as attention to detail, organizational and critical thinking skills, have excellent writing and technical skills, spilling over with passion for

adding value to the life of others, and you enjoy travel, this is the role for you! CRAs enjoy variety, change and independence and are skilled at following protocols and guidelines. They see purpose in their work and work hard towards the established goal, steady and steadfast.

A CRA represents the sponsor company and ensures that proper procedures are followed during the complex, long, expensive clinical trial process.

Clinical Research Coordinator (CRC)

Compassionate Resilience

The CRC position is vital to the success of clinical trial studies. CRCs are best known for their tenacity, compassion, they are skillful in patient care, working with multiple members of the internal and external research team, uses good judgement and follows

research guidelines and protocol, confident, works smart but hard, forges healthy and trusting relationships, consistent and reliable. The study team is made strong when there is a stable committed CRC on board!

Faith Journey

Carolyn Stroud



After 17 wonderful years as a Medical Technologist, I decided to take a leap of faith and change careers. In the fall of 1992, I moved from Carrolton, GA to Cary, NC in search of a career in clinical research. RTP, NC was one of the hottest places to seek opportunity for this career transition and I was all in! I knew it would be a challenge to build a new life and community around me but most challenging was the competition and high demand for nursing professionals to work within pharma companies as Clinical Research Associates (CRA). Pharma felt nurse professionals were best suited for the CRA role because of their knowledge and skills in the medical industry. I never gave up on my dream of becoming a CRA. Ten months later, the opportunity came and I was ready. Goal accomplished!