

Accreditation of Academic Programs in Clinical Research

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Development of Academic Programs in Clinical Research

- **First appeared in late 1990's**
 - **Postbaccalaureate certificates and MS degrees**
 - **Primarily in areas where large pharma and CRO presence**
- **Provide upward mobility for clinical research professionals already working**
- **Provide pipeline of new highly qualified graduates to enterprise**
 - **Associate level, baccalaureate level**
- **Currently over 50 in US and 50+ globally**

Consortium of Academic Programs in Clinical Research (COAPCR)

- Formed in 2003 to provide forum for collaboration to early programs
- Currently 29 member programs at all academic levels
 - 100+ globally
- Supported by pharma, CRO's and professional organizations
- Developed independently
 - Need to standardize curriculum
 - Ensure quality, current content
- Programmatic accreditation is accepted method

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)

- Largest programmatic accreditor in health sciences field
 - Accredits over 2000 educational programs in 28 disciplines
 - Recognized by Council for Higher Education Accreditation in US and internationally
- 2014 -COAPCR agreed to sponsor Committee on Accreditation (CAAPCR)
 - Charged with developing Standards and Guidelines for accreditation of academic programs in Clinical Research

Committee on Accreditation of Academic Programs in Clinical Research (CAAPCR)

- Formed in 2014
- Composed of representatives from academic programs, professional associations, pharmaceutical companies and clinical sites
- Developed Standards and Guidelines
 - Curriculum requirements based on JTF Core Competency Framework
 - Ensures that faculty are appropriately qualified
 - Ensures that program are being supported by university administration
 - Approved by CAAHEP in May, 2017

Committee on Accreditation of Academic Programs in Clinical Research (CAAPCR)

- **Began accepting requests for accreditation services in September, 2017**
 - Currently 7 requests – both US and global
 - Requires self-study by program to document that Standards met
 - Site visit follows to validate documentation in self-study
 - Board reviews and recommends to CAAHEP
 - Initial accreditation for 5 years with annual reports to CAAPCR
- **First Program accredited by CAAHEP in September, 2018**
 - **Arizona State University Program in Clinical Research Management**
 - Certificate and MS Programs
- **CAAPCR awaiting self-studies for remaining programs and encouraging additional requests**

Future

- **Education, Accreditation and Professional Certification need to be linked**
 - Academic degree
 - Hands-on experience (internship, preceptorship, etc)
 - Professional certification examination
 - Entry level clinical research professional
 - Licensure ????

Clinical Research has truly become a profession and an academic discipline

Questions, Comments, Suggestions

