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CERTIFICATE IN CLINICAL TRIAL MANAGEMENT
A Certificate for Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Professionals who Actively
Contribute to the Clinical Trial Process

BACKGROUND

The *Certificate in Clinical Trial Management* is specifically designed for pharmaceutical and healthcare professionals who actively contribute to the clinical trial process, including physicians, clinical research monitors, investigators, and coordinators, or members of Investigational Review Boards (IRBs). This certificate provides the tools and information needed to understand the basis for new drug discovery, the design and implementation of the clinical protocol, its conduct and effective monitoring strategies, and the auditing of data to ensure the integrity of the trial. Specific courses emphasize protocol development, the bioethics of clinical research and the protection of the human research subject, the informed consent form and process, clinical operations, and the role and responsibilities of the key personnel – the IRB, sponsor, monitor, CRO, and the clinical investigator.

The *Certificate in Clinical Trial Management* enables students to sharpen their knowledge of clinical trials without committing to the entire master's degree. The certificate provides the tools and information needed to understand how clinical trials must be designed and overseen in the pharmaceutical industry, including writing protocols and consent forms, delving into the requirements of the Good Clinical Practices, and managing budgets and data.

For nearly four decades, the School of Pharmacy of Temple University has provided outstanding graduate-level course work in Quality Assurance and Regulatory Affairs. The School was the original institution of higher learning in the world to create a master's program in the Quality Assurance (QA) and Regulatory Affairs (RA) disciplines and continues to offer the most comprehensive curriculum of its kind.

Temple's renowned program specifically examines QA and RA issues facing the pharmaceutical and related industries by integrating pharmaceutical law and regulation, pharmaceutical technology, and quality assurance practices. Faculty are industry veterans with years of expertise in their specialties, sharing their vast knowledge with students through intimate classroom discussions and hands-on workshops.

The 36-credit hour QA/RA master's program is based in Fort Washington, PA, with courses also offered in Tarrytown (NY), Frazer (PA), and corporate sites. Classes are conveniently scheduled on evenings and weekends to provide flexibility for working professionals.

To receive the certificate, candidates must complete the required courses and application procedures.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

1. The ***Certificate in Clinical Trial Management*** may be earned on its own or on the way to the MS in QA/RA. To earn the certificate, the following five courses must be successfully completed within a four year period with an overall B (3.0) average:

- *Drug Development* (Pharmaceutics 5459)
- *Good Clinical Practices* (Pharmaceutics 5536)
- *Clinical Trial Management for Research Practitioners* (Pharmaceutics 5537) **or** *Global Clinical Drug Development* (Pharmaceutics 5539).
- *Bioethics for Pharmaceutical Professionals* (Pharmaceutics 5612)
- *Clinical Data Management* (Pharmaceutics 5618) **or** *Clinical Drug Safety and Risk Management* (Pharmaceutics 5538).

It is suggested that students take these courses in the order listed above, though this is not mandatory.

2. All courses must be completed from Temple University's QA/RA graduate program. No transfer credits from other institutions are accepted. Students who have completed similar courses at other institutions may request that a course be waived, but another course from Temple University's ***Certificate in Clinical Trial Management*** must be taken in its place. The request to waive a Temple course must be submitted and approved by the Assistant Dean of QA/RA before the student starts the ***Certificate in Clinical Trial Management***.
3. Candidates must formally apply and follow the application procedures stated below (application form, photocopies of transcripts, and notice of completion).
4. Only one certificate program (*Drug Development, Clinical Trial Management, Medical Device, or Basic Pharmaceutical Development*) may be completed before students receive the MS.
5. Students interested in pursuing the QA/RA MS program may apply all credits earned from the ***Certificate in Clinical Trial Management*** towards their graduate degree, provided they formally apply for admission to the MS program and are accepted by Temple University's Graduate School.

DESCRIPTIONS OF REQUIRED COURSES

5459. Drug Development (3 credits)

This course studies the drug development process from discovery through FDA marketing approval. It reviews the process of drug development and the interrelationships linking the various disciplines, introducing students to the regulations governing the process, including interactions with FDA, ICH, and other regulatory agencies.

5536. Good Clinical Practices (3 credits)

This course examines the federal regulatory requirements and processes necessary to conduct valid drug trials on human volunteers. Emphasis is placed on managing the clinical drug study and auditing its processes and generated data. The course also addresses ethical issues and volunteer informed consent.

5612. Bioethics for Pharmaceutical Professionals (3 credits)

This course focuses on bioethical issues arising in the regulation and conduct of research. It instills a basic understanding of bioethics and the theories and principles underlying its practices and application to research. It also discusses how bioethical theories and principles provide the foundation for many research regulations. Starting with a brief history of research ethics and regulation, it explores past and present ethical research controversies.

5537. Clinical Trial Management (3 credits)

Prerequisite: Pharmaceutics 5536 or permission of the instructor.

This course is designed to help the clinical research department member and those familiar with the industry working in related fields to become more effective members of the clinical research team, whether at a company or an investigator's office. This course covers the day-to-day operations of a clinical trial, from site and investigator selection through monitoring and data retrieval. It covers key topics, such as budgeting, protocol preparation, site and investigator selection, monitoring, document and file creation and maintenance, and the participation of key members of the principal investigator's team.

Or

5539. Global Clinical Drug Development (3 credits)

Prerequisites: two of the following: Drug Development (Pharmaceutics 5459) or Good Clinical Practices (Pharmaceutics 5536) or Food and Drug Law I (Pharmaceutics 5592) or Global Regulatory Affairs (Pharmaceutics 5591).

This course focuses on the specific regulatory requirements of clinical development in the European Union, Eastern Europe, Latin America, Canada, India, China and Japan. It will review the efforts of the International Conference on Harmonization (ICH) to unify Good Clinical Practices (GCPs) in these global areas, exploring the differences between cultures, races, and societies, and the impact of socialized medicine. Upon successful completion of this course, students will gain an overview of multinational clinical drug development; gain a basic understanding of cultural differences towards GCPs in various regions of the world; understand key regulatory bodies and concepts governing clinical development in various global markets; and become familiar with the ICH and its legal requirements for global clinical development.

Note: this course may be substituted for Pharmaceutics 5537.

5618. Clinical Data Management (3 credits)

Prerequisites: Pharmaceutics 5459 and 5536.

The data from clinical research studies is the crux of a regulatory submission for a new drug or biologic – without it, there would be nothing upon which to base the therapeutic claim. The success of a submission depends on quality data management practices and strict adherence to regulatory requirements. This course is designed to teach the student

how to go from collecting data for the first protocol to ultimate submission to a regulatory agency from a data collection, management, and reporting perspective.

Or

5538. *Clinical Drug Safety and Risk Management* (3 credits)

Prerequisite: Pharmaceutics 5459

This course provides students with an in-depth understanding of what pre-marketing clinical safety and risk management (CSR) mean in the context of both American (FDA) and international (ICH-E2C) regulatory requirements. It covers the historical overview of IND and international safety requirements, the processes and systems in place to support compliance, strategic documentation for applications, and the role of risk management and epidemiological methods to identify signals, quantify, assess, and communicate adverse drug reactions (ADR). Clinical trial policy issues, investigator, patient, IRB, DSMB, privacy, informed consent, and other related matters are discussed.

Note: this course may be substituted for Pharmaceutics 5618.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The ***Certificate in Clinical Trial Management*** is part of Temple University's graduate program in Quality Assurance and Regulatory Affairs. It does not require the completion of GREs. To earn the ***Certificate in Clinical Trial Management***, students must successfully complete the five required courses with an overall B average and formally apply for the certificate. To receive the certificate and letter of completion, students must mail an application form and photocopies of all undergraduate and graduate transcripts (including Temple transcripts for QA/RA courses) to:

QA/RA Graduate Program
Temple University School of Pharmacy
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TO RECEIVE THE CERTIFICATE

After you have finished the five courses, you must notify the QA/RA Office by fax (267.468.8565) indicating that you are eligible to receive the certificate. Please include your name, TUID, courses completed, daytime phone number, and the certificate you have completed.

The QA/RA Office issues certificates in early February, June, and September. In order to receive your certificate in one of those months, you must notify the QA/RA office by fax **at least one month in advance**. Otherwise you will have to wait until the next time they are processed. The certificate must be completed within four years. Transfer credits are not accepted towards the ***Certificate in Clinical Trial Management***.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Where is the QA/RA program offered?

Temple University's QA/RA program is based at Temple University Fort Washington in suburban Montgomery County, PA. For directions, visit our website at:

http://www.temple.edu/pharmacy_QARA/map.htm

Courses are also offered in Tarrytown, NY, and Frazer, PA. Some corporate sites also videoconference our classes.

When can I start the program?

Courses in the QARA program are offered during the fall, spring and summer semesters every year. You may start the certificate program at your convenience.

What course sequence is recommended?

We recommend you start by taking *Drug Development* (Pharmaceutics 5459), since this course provides an overview of the pharmaceutical industry and serves as the foundation of knowledge for the program. You should then take *Good Clinical Practices* (Pharmaceutics 5536), so you have the fundamental knowledge to proceed with other courses in the program.

How do I obtain a current class schedule?

Please check the QA/RA homepage:

http://www.temple.edu/pharmacy_qara/schedule.htm

How do I register for classes?

Please download the Registration and State Residency Forms from the QA/RA homepage: http://www.temple.edu/pharmacy_QARA/forms.htm

Both are required the first time you register. Faxed and e-mail registrations do not guarantee your spot in a class, since sections do fill quickly. We will contact you if there are problems with your registration. Otherwise you will receive a paperless bill through your Temple email account which confirms that you are officially registered.

Do I need to submit GRE scores to complete the certificate?

No. GRE scores are not required for this certificate.

When should I indicate that I plan to pursue the certificate?

You do not need to submit an application form to start taking courses. In fact, you may simply complete the five courses and then submit your application. If you intend to pursue the MS, however, it is important that you complete your application to the MS as soon as possible, so all of your coursework applies to your degree.

Can I complete both the *Certificate in Clinical Trial Management* and the MS in QA/RA?

Yes! You're welcome to complete both programs, but please be aware that the MS in QA/RA has an entirely different application process and requires GREs. For additional information on the Master's of Science in QA/RA, please request a Program Guide and an application by calling 267.468.8560.

Can I transfer any credits from another graduate institution towards the *Certificate in Clinical Trial Management*?

Sorry, but credits for courses taken at other institutions are not accepted. All five courses must be from Temple University's QA/RA program. It is possible to have a requirement

waived; however, another *approved* Temple University QA/RA elective will have to be taken in its place. To waive a course, please submit a letter to the Office of Graduate Studies for approval.

Will the certificate automatically be awarded when I complete the required courses?

No. You must formally apply to receive the certificate, which includes submitting the application form and copies of all undergraduate and graduate transcripts from any schools previously attended. You should complete the *Certificate in Clinical Trial Management* within four years. When you have finished your courses, you must notify the QA/RA Office by fax (267.468.8565) that you are eligible to receive the certificate. The fax must include your name, TUID, courses completed, daytime phone number, and the certificate you have completed. You must submit the fax at least one month before certificates are issued (early in February, June, and September). Otherwise you will have to wait until the next time they are processed.

Can I complete both the *Certificate in Clinical Trial Management* and another QA/RA certificate?

Students may only complete one certificate program before pursuing the MS in QA/RA. If you prefer to receive the *Drug Development Certificate* before completing the MS, you may earn the *Certificate in Clinical Trial Management* at the post-MS level. Refer to the web for more details: www.temple.edu/pharmacy_QARA/certificates.htm

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