Becoming a CTR – NCRA Clinical Practicum & CTR Exam Core Competencies

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NCRA Revised Practicum
(Derived from the CTR Exam's Domain of Practice)

The practicum is based on five Core Competencies.

Practicum activities focus on developing skills in these critical knowledge areas. ·

+ Casefinding
+ Abstracting
+ Coding, and Staging
+ Analysis and Data Usage
+ Registry Organization
+ Follow-Up, and Data Quality Assurance
+ Cancer Program Accreditation

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NCRA Center for Cancer Registry Education Practicum Portal ACCESS

➤ Available only to students who have completed all the course work in an NCRA accredited program and are ready to begin practicum activities.

➤ College programs: Program Directors have information to access the Practicum Activities

➤ AHIMA students: information is in every AHIMA course in the "Course Home" section. Students complete survey and submit documentation of completion of coursework for review.

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OPTIONS FOR PRACTICUM ACTIVITIES

Option 1: In-Person	Option 2: Virtual	Option 3: Hybrid

► Always preferred	► Activities include:
	  ► SEER*Educate
	  ► NCRA-created
		► Activities include:
		  ► In-Person
		  ► SEER*Educate &/or
		  ► NCRA-created

► On-site, CTR-credentialed advisor (instructor) required to record student's completion of practicum activities	► CTR-credentialed advisor (instructor) required to review practicum activities and answer questions	► CTR-credentialed advisor (instructor) required to review practicum activities and answer questions

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CORE COMPETENCY ASSESSMENTS

► Core Competency Assessments are the final step in all NCRA accredited Cancer Registry Management degree/diploma/certificate programs.

► **ALL** students, upon completion of practicum activities, will be required to complete a series of Core Competency Assessments to measure their knowledge in each of the five Core Competencies.

   ► Applies to Options 1, 2, and 3

   ► Minimum score of 70% to pass each assessment

   ► Download Practicum Assessment Completion Certificate and submit to instructor for documentation of completion, or submit with CTR exam application.

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Core Competency Assessments

The following five *Core Competency Assessments* are to be completed after completing the above *Core Competency Activities*. Students must achieve a minimum score of 70% on each core competency assessment. The enrollment period for an assessment activity is five days. Students will be allowed two attempts to pass an assessment. If a student is not successful achieving a 70% score after the two attempts, the student should return to the practicum activities for the core competency for additional review. Reference materials may not be utilized except for the open-book portion of the *Core Competency 2 Assessment*. Each assessment is timed and must be completed during the designated timeframe. If the student fails an assessment or does not finish in time, they will be granted access to re-take the assessment 10 days from the last failed attempt.

Core Competency Assessments

Core Competency 1: Casefinding Assessment
Evaluate your general knowledge and competency in the area of Casefinding.

Member — Free
Non-Member — Free
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Core Competency 2: Abstracting, Coding, and Staging - Part 1 (Closed Book) Assessment
Evaluate your general knowledge and competency in the areas of abstracting, coding, and staging.

Member — Free
Non-Member — Free
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Core Competency 2: Abstracting, Coding, and Staging - Part 2 (Open Book) Assessment
Evaluate your general knowledge and competency in the areas of abstracting, coding, and staging.

Member — Free
Non-Member — Free
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Core Competency 3: Analysis and Data Usage Assessment
Evaluate your general knowledge of and competency in the areas of data collection, analysis, distribution, and presentation.

Member — Free
Non-Member — Free
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Core Competency 4: Registry Organization, Follow-Up, and Data Quality Assurance Assessment
Evaluate your general knowledge and competency in the areas of cancer registry organization, follow-up, and data quality.

Member — Free
Non-Member — Free
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Core Competency 5: Cancer Program Accreditation Assessment
Evaluate your general knowledge and competency in the areas of CoC program accreditation and the application of the CoC's standards.

Member — Free
Non-Member — Free
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