



**NEW PROGRAM
AT NECC**

CLINICAL RESEARCH COORDINATOR ADVANCED CERTIFICATE

- Affordable tuition and strong support services
- The convenience of learning online
- A career with expanding job opportunities

A **CLINICAL RESEARCH COORDINATOR (CRC)** is at the forefront of investigating the development of new drugs, drug protocols, medical devices and diagnostic tools. As a clinical research coordinator you will assist with conducting clinical studies and trials. Your responsibilities may include patient recruitment, data management, monitoring patient and study compliance, and keeping accurate documentation.

If you have an associate or bachelor's degree in a health care or science field, enjoy working with people, have good communication skills and attention to detail and would like to expand your skills and work in the growing field of clinical research, then the NECC Clinical Research Coordinator Certificate offers a great opportunity for you to advance your career.

This very affordable program is offered online as one of NECC's iHealth@NECC offerings. NECC iHealth Programs allow you to complete your semester coursework at a time that works best with your schedule. There is, however, one practicum course that requires the completion of a minimum of 180 hours of face-to-face work at a practicum site location. Students new to iHealth@NECC are provided with an orientation to on-line learning and iHealth advisors/coach mentors to help insure their success. Additionally NECC student support services are available to all students including tutoring, career advising, and on-line library access.

NECC's Clinical Research Coordinator Certificate will prepare you to enter the clinical research workforce with the computer, communication, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills needed to meet the needs of the region's research facilities. Successful completion of the program will help prepare you for the applicable credentialing/licensing exams available for CRCs. Students who successfully complete the Clinical Research Coordinator Certificate Program may also choose to continue their education toward earning the NECC Associate Degree in General Studies: Health Specialization.

This program can be completed over three semesters (Fall, Spring, and Summer). Eight courses are required, including the onsite practicum of 180 hours.

EXCELLENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

Graduates can pursue jobs as entry-level clinical research coordinators, and can work in hospitals, doctor's offices, pharmaceutical companies, and independent research companies. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics careers in this field are expected to grow between 13% to 23% in the upcoming years.

AN AFFORDABLE OPTION:

The tuition for this program is \$6,600 (25 credits x \$264 per credit) for Massachusetts residents, and slightly more for out-of-state students. Some additional fees may apply, as well as the additional costs related to the purchase of course materials.

PROGRAM ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS:

Prior to entering this program applicants must have earned an associate or bachelor's degree in a related health or science field with a GPA of 2.0 or higher, or may enter the program by permission of the program coordinator with a certificate in a health field from an accredited institution and/or previous clinical research experience. Additionally, applicants must have completed Anatomy and Physiology I and II with a minimum grade of "C" prior to entering this program.