

Route to the Registry

The Cancer Registry
as a Career Option

What is the Cancer Registry?

- ❑ A national cancer data base
 - ❑ Maintained by certified personnel
 - ❑ Composed of medical records converted into a uniform data set
 - ❑ Source of cancer data
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The NEED

- ❑ In 2006 there were an estimated 7,300 Cancer Registrars nationwide
 - ❑ Expected need is 7,560 by 2010 and 8,000 in 2020.
 - ❑ This shortfall does not include retiring CTR's...and the mean age is 48...
 - ❑ Reference: "Factors Associated with Job Satisfaction and Career Commitment for Cancer Registrars" Annual NCRA Educational Conference, Washington DC pp. 429-445 2006 Proceedings
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The WORK

- Hospitals and healthcare facilities
 - Government
 - Education
 - Pharmaceutical companies
 - Software developers
 - State and federal organizations
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The PEOPLE

- ❑ Become part of a team
 - ❑ Work closely with physicians, epidemiologists, health care experts, and administrators
 - ❑ Make a difference in patient care and cancer research
 - ❑ Perform a variety of interesting tasks
 - ❑ Work regular week day hours with holidays and vacations, flex-schedules, or work from home
 - ❑ Find travel opportunities and room to grow professionally
 - ❑ In 2006 the typical salary range earned was \$ 33,000-62,000/year or \$ 15-30/hour
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The STUDY

- ❑ Anatomy, physiology, pathology, pharmacology
 - ❑ Computer and information technology
 - ❑ Statistics
 - ❑ Healthcare/business administration
 - ❑ Registry operations
 - ❑ Abstracting patient records
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The REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility Requirements to sit for CTR exam in 2010 include:

- Associates degree in allied health field
 - AND
 - NCRA Accredited Formal Education Program

 - OR
 - NCRA approved associate degree in "Cancer Information Management"

 - Job experience/internship
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THE BEGINNING...

- ❑ (Start your story here)
 - ❑ Visit <http://www.ctrexam.org> for more detailed information regarding eligibility criteria and the CTR exam
 - ❑ Visit <http://www.ncra-usa.org/education/formal.htm> for locations of NCRA approved programs including **Burlington County College**
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Websites of interest:

- <http://www.ncra-usa.org>
 - <http://seer.cancer.gov/>
 - <http://www.facs.org/index.html>
 - <http://www.naaccr.org/>
 - <http://www.ahima.org/>
 - <http://oranjonline.com/>
 - <http://nj.gov/health/ces/njscr.shtml>
 - <http://www.bcc.edu/>
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