

Eligibility Requirements to sit 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"

Course of study includes:

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

Note: The training of HIM professionals makes them uniquely qualified to transition into the field of cancer registration with minimal additional training.

Accredited Programs 2008 are found here:

<http://www.ncra-usa.org/education/formal.htm>

Websites of interest:

<http://www.ncra-usa.org/>

<http://seer.cancer.gov/>

<http://www.facs.org/index.html>

<http://www.naacr.org/>

<http://www.ahima.org/>

<http://oranjonline.com/>

<http://nj.gov/health/ces/njsr.shtml>



Cancer Registry Personnel

Play a key role in ensuring quality health care for cancer patients.



HELP WANTED

8,000 needed**

***Factors Associated with Job Satisfaction and Career Commitment for Cancer Registrars**

Annual NCRA Educational Conference, Washington DC

pp. 429-445 2006 Proceedings

What is the Cancer Registry?

In recognition of the need for a systemized collection of cancer data, the U.S. established the first Cancer Registry in 1923.*

Currently, a patient's medical record is "abstracted" or converted to a uniform data set and then entered into a national cancer data base.

This data base is maintained by trained and certified registry personnel working with federal, state and private organizations. It contains complete, timely, uniform medical data for each patient including diagnosis, treatment and survival information.

Cancer Registry Operations maintain the database according to national standards of disease registration and surveillance.

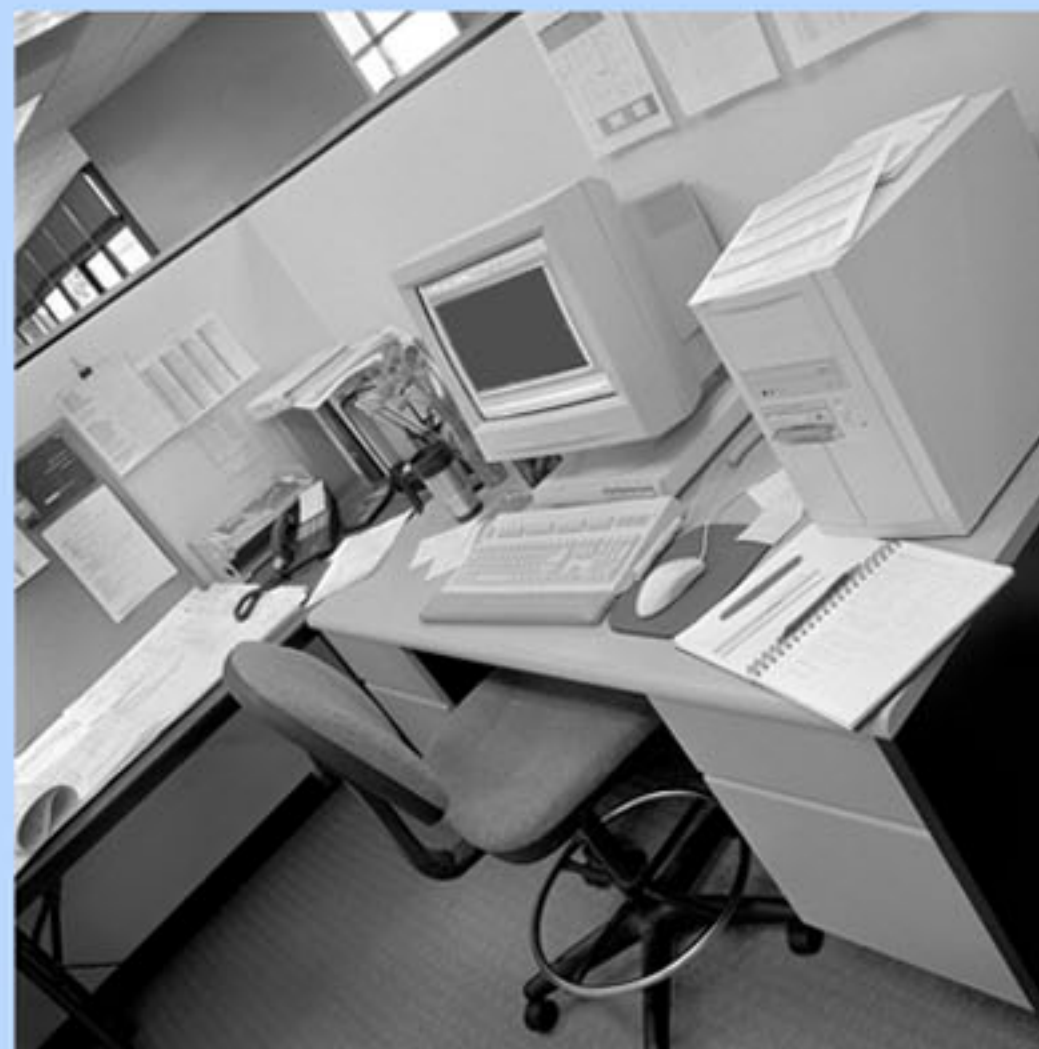
This data is used by cancer researchers, health care providers, and public health officials to implement cancer control and prevention programs and to evaluate treatment outcomes and regional trends.

When studies are complete, this information is available for the general public.

Join Our Team !!!

Cancer Registrars.....

- Are dedicated, enthusiastic and self-motivated professionals.
- 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.
- Usually earn \$33-62,000/ yr or \$15-30 / hr.*



Where Do We Work?

- In hospitals and healthcare facilities: We search medical records to obtain detailed health histories to abstract and report and conduct patient care evaluations, participate in clinical research and cancer committee policy development, work with community programs.
- In government: We perform quality control and oversight and participate in research, cancer control data analysis, and patient care studies.
- Nationwide work: Outsourcing or contract services and consulting
- Education: Maintaining certification, teaching, training
- State and Federal associations and organizations
- Software vendors and pharmaceutical companies

*<http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/npcr/training/QualityData/index.htm>