

Earn the Professional Certification for Cancer Registrars

Cancer registrars are data information specialists who collect and report cancer statistics. Cancer registrars capture a complete history, diagnosis, treatment, and health status for every cancer patient in the U.S. The Certified Tumor Registrar or “CTR” is the profession’s credential. Paths to earn the CTR credential are outlined below.

TO DETERMINE THE BEST AND MOST EFFICIENT PATH FOR YOU, START WITH THE QUESTION:

Do you have an Associate’s Degree in any field or the equivalent of 60 college-level credit hours?

YES



Do you have work experience in cancer registry?
Minimum experience = 1950 hours (equivalent to one year full-time)

YES



Does your 60 college-level credits include six credits of Human Anatomy and Human Physiology?

YES



You are eligible to apply for the CTR exam via Route B.

NO



You need to complete six college-level credits (grade of C or better) in Human Anatomy and Human Physiology.



Since you have met the education requirement of an Associate’s Degree in any field and/or the equivalent of 60 college-level credits, but do not work in a cancer registry, the best path for you is to complete an NCRA-Accredited Certificate in Cancer Registry Management. This will include:

- Four prerequisites.
- Six courses in cancer registry management.
- Cancer registry practicum.



You are eligible to apply for the CTR exam via Route A-path 2.

NO



Since you have not met the education requirement of an Associate’s Degree in any field and/or the equivalent of 60 college-level credits, the best path for you is completing an NCRA-Accredited Associate’s Degree in Cancer Registry Management. This will include, but is not limited to:

- General studies courses.
- Specialty courses in cancer registry management.
- Cancer registry practicum.



You are eligible to apply for the CTR exam via Eligibility Route A-path 1.

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