

Career preparation milestones:

Master of Clinical Research

The MCR program can be completed in 12 months full time or 24 months part time.

Be excited about your career in clinical research! There are many career opportunities.

- ◇ Fritter, J., Jones, C. (2023). [Mapping the pathway to take control of your clinical research career.](#) *Clinical Researcher*, 37(5).
- ◇ Freel, S., Snyder, D.C., Bastarche, K., Jones, C.T., Marchant, M., Rowley, L.A., Sonstein S.A., Lipworth, K.M., Landis, S.P. (2023). [Now is the time to fix the clinical research workforce crisis.](#) *Clinical Trials*, 20(5): 457-462.

Program early stages

- Begin or continue creating an ongoing list of educational accomplishments, licenses and certifications, work history, volunteer history and any other accomplishments.
- Include date spans, addresses and contact names. This information will be essential to building your professional resume and will help you identify whom you might be able to use as a professional reference, once needed.
- Complete your ePortfolio in the MCR program. This will be finalized in your final course and should have examples of your applied clinical research assignments and documentation of acquired competence.
- Put your ePortfolio URL on your resume and ask potential employers to view it to see examples of your writing and clinical research skills.
- Network, network, network – continue building your professional network.
 - Share your career goals with your course faculty instructors. Consider participating in organizations and volunteering in order to build relationships with your peers. Create a LinkedIn account and join clinical research groups. Connect on LinkedIn with peers and faculty.
 - Attend MCR Career Webinars in the autumn and/or spring.
- If you are already working in clinical research, consider creating a resume addendum that lists the clinical trials (with NCT number) you have worked on, including role in each study.
- If you are novice to clinical research, you may consider working in a clinical research related position to gain additional experience while in the program, if your schedule allows.
- You may connect with College of Nursing Career Services for assistance with your job search or application materials at 614-292-4041.

Mid-program

- Continue networking. Join Professional Associations (Association of Clinical Research Professionals (ACRP), Society of Clinical Research Associates (SoCRA) or International Association of Clinical Research Nurses (IACRN). Expand your LinkedIn network.
- Continue building your ongoing list of related experiences and accomplishments.
- Start or continue working in an MCR-related position.
- Continue building your ePortfolio and ongoing list of related experiences and accomplishments. Add this information to your resume. Call the College of Nursing Career Services to schedule an appointment for resume help, if needed, at 614-292-4041.



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Final months of program

- Continue networking. Expand your connections in LinkedIn.
- Explore your eligibility for certification by ACRP, SoCRA or IACRN. Most require two years of experience to apply, but the MCR program may count for one year.
- Finalize your resume using the ongoing list of experiences and accomplishments you have been compiling. Add your ePortfolio link and your list of clinical trials addendum.
- Contact the College of Nursing Career Services for resume review, cover letter review, interview preparation assistance, and career counseling services: 614-292-4041.
- Apply early and often, and network!



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