

# Consortium of Academic Programs in Clinical Research



Information Session for Academic Programs  
February 20, 2025

# Introductions

1. Name
2. Institution
3. Role
4. What academic programs does your institution offer, if any?



# About CoAPCR

The Consortium of Academic Programs in Clinical Research is a network of academic programs, industry partners, and individuals committed to the development of high-quality educational programs encompassing all areas of clinical research that are based in academic credit-granting institutions



# CoAPCR Mission



To provide a medium for communication among educators of clinical research professionals.



To encourage and support the development, accreditation, and maintenance of academically based clinical research educational programs to meet the needs of the clinical research community and enterprise.



To foster inter-institutional articulation among educational institutions, clinical institutions, professional associations, government, regulatory agencies, and industry.



To initiate and/or support research and studies relating to the educational, manpower and service needs of clinical research professionals.



To develop organizational and policy positions to be communicated to various agencies and associations, including lay public and media.



To monitor legislation and policy regarding clinical research issues and insure professional representation and voice on these matters

# CoAPCR History

- By the early 2000s, there were over 30 institutions with academic programs in clinical research
- Discussions of common issues took place during professional meetings, most notably at DIA annual meeting
- A core group was formed and continued these discussions throughout 2001 and into 2002
- At the 2002 DIA Annual Meeting in Chicago a DIA Special Interest Area Community, Academic Clinical Research Education, was formed. In addition, a nonprofit was established called the Consortium of Academic Programs in Clinical Research (CoAPCR).



# CoAPCR Milestones

**2003:** CoAPCR began with support from DIA, CenterWatch, and 6 founding academic programs  
Initial mission was to develop a process for accreditation.

**2009-11:** Development of Core Competencies for clinical research graduates

**2012-13:** Established pathway to accreditation of clinical research programs through the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.  
Committee on Accreditation of Academic Programs in Clinical Research was formed.



**2013-16:** Collaborated to develop the Joint Task Force for Clinical Research Competency and the Core Competency Framework

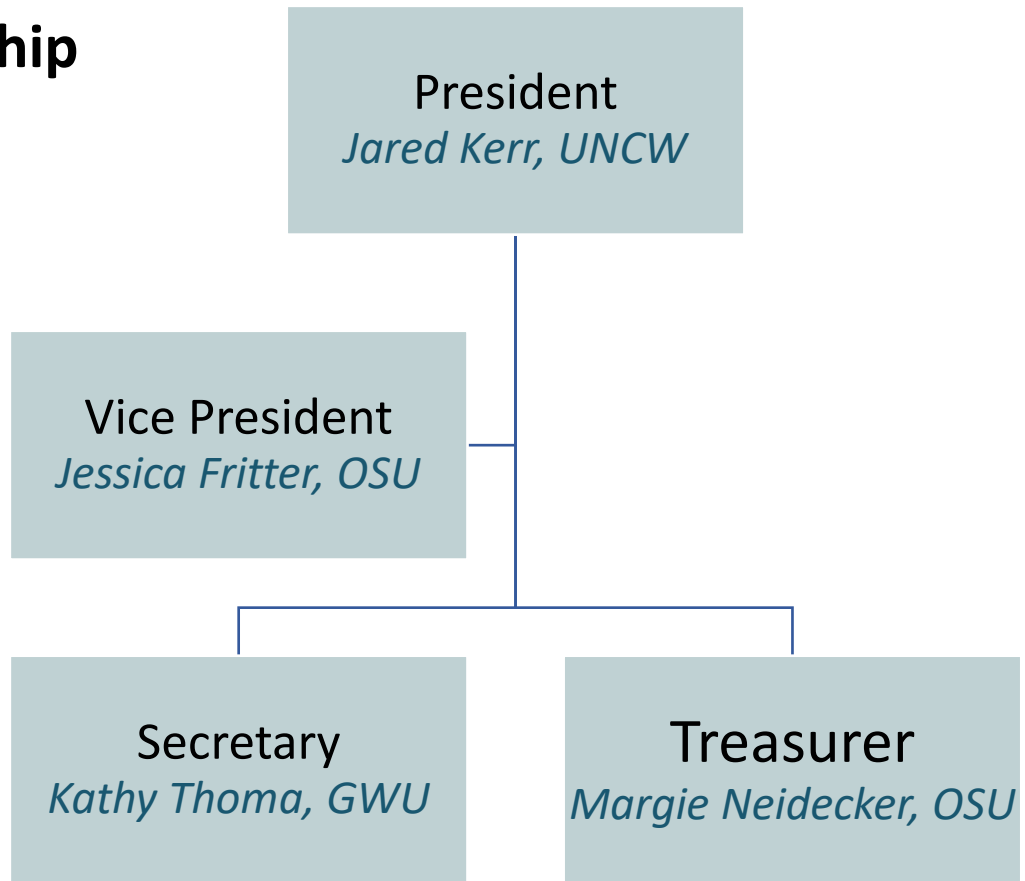


**2018:** First academic program receives accreditation (Arizona State University)

**Ongoing:** Publication of original research and other articles related to clinical research education

# CoAPCR Leadership & Organizational Structure

## Leadership

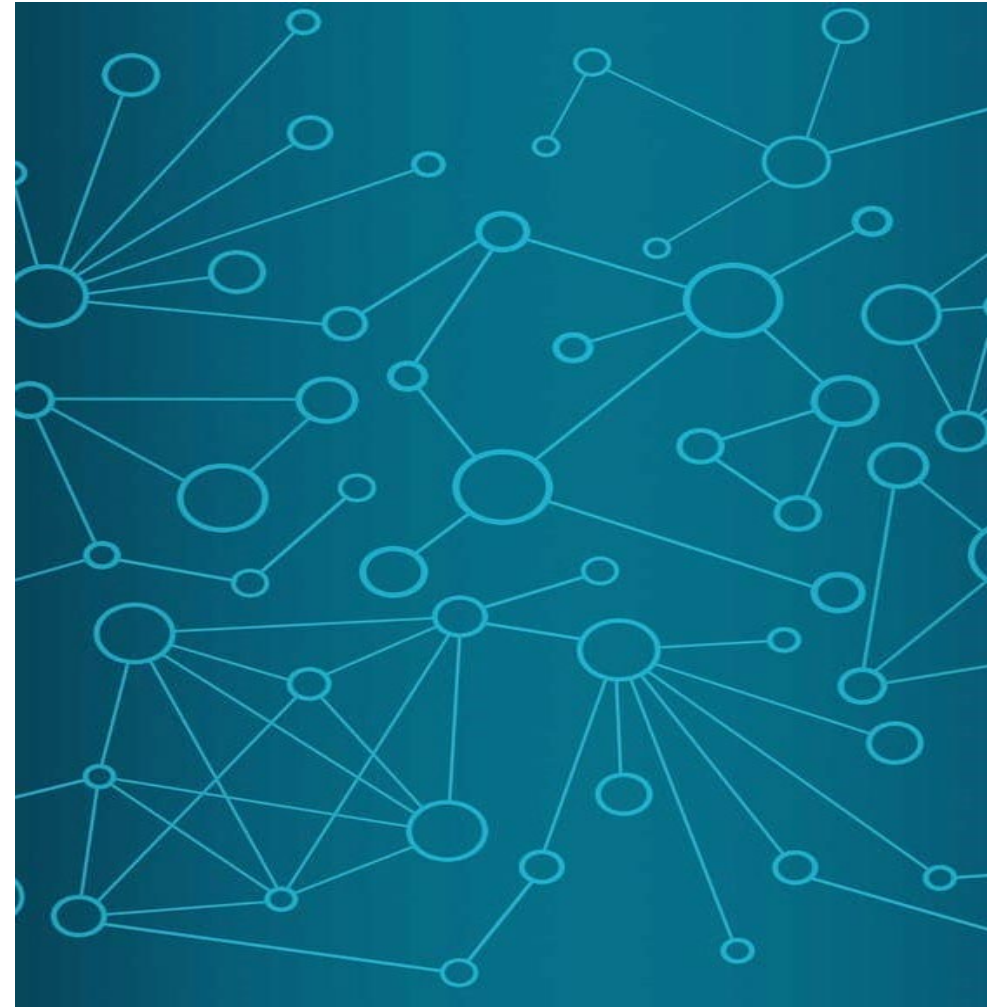


## Committees



# Growth of clinical research training programs

- Demand for a trained clinical research workforce has resulted in a rising number of training programs
- CoAPCR believes training should adhere to educational standards and professional competencies
- Collaboration between programs establishes a network for sharing best practices and promoting quality in education





# Member Activities

- Quarterly meetings (virtual)
- Annual meeting (hybrid) with poster session
- Participation on committees
- Engagement in CoAPCR initiatives
  - Employer engagement for internship placement, job recruitment, industry trends & alignment
  - Training and education knowledge bank to share training resources
  - Accreditation support and guidance for accreditation application and procedures
  - Student research symposium to present clinical research student work
  - Guest lecturer compendium for referral of guest speakers





## Welcome to the Member Portal

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# Sample Agenda *(May 2024 Quarterly Meeting)*

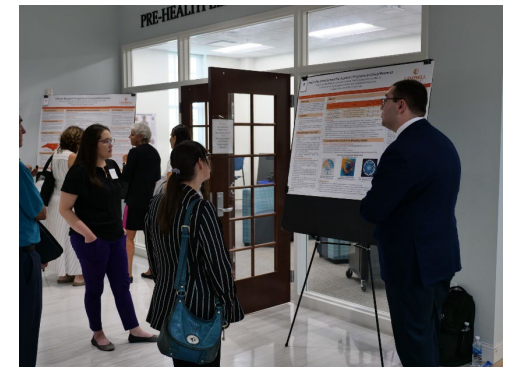
May 8, 2024  
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM EDT

- Welcome.....Charles Carter
- Approval of September 2023 Annual Meeting & January 25, 2024 Quarterly Meeting Minutes
- Committee and Officer Reports
- Debrief: CAAHEP 2024 Symposium .....Kathy Thoma, Jared Kerr
- Update: Survey on Program Outcome Measures .....Bill Gluck
- Update: ACRP CP Exam Study Project (Phase 2 Expansion).....Jared Kerr, Charles Carter
- Update: Employer Engagement Activity, PACRW Working Group.....Kara Bastarache
- Clinical Research / STEM Education MS/HS Programing .....Charles Carter
- Annual Meeting Planning .....Jared Kerr
- Reflection Statement.....Charles Carter

# 2023 Annual Meeting Highlights



**Building The Next Generation of  
Clinical Research Professionals**  
Susan P. Landis  
Executive Director, ACRP



**How May We Address Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion in COAPCR and Our Organizations?**

FDA guidance and workforce problems	Multi-language needs - intentional targeting of these needs	Partnering with JR colleges
Partnering with community organizations from where you want to recruit	Scholarships	Intentional HBCUs
Be intentional with HBCUs as an example. Hit all the diverse populations PWI	Who are you trying to target?	Include patients in a variety of things

**How May We Use AI?**

Multi-language translation	Design Protocols	Ethical concerns
Classroom tool	Literature searches	
New FDA and EUA issued guidance	Comparative effectiveness research	Logos



# Benefits of Institutional Membership



- Contributing to standards and procedures for accreditation
- Contributions to development, research, and dissemination of harmonized core competencies in clinical research
- Shared experiences, contacts, course elements, and instructional design toolkits for clinical research courses
- Opportunities for collaboration, research, and publication
- Collective leadership on key issues in clinical research education, training, and role development
- Networking among academic instructors and programs
- Provide leadership opportunities to members on committees or as officers within the organization and intersecting with our partners
- Student internship and program placement
- Website links to your site



# Benefits of Supporting Membership



- Collective experience and learnings of accreditation standards and procedures
- Shared experiences, contacts, course elements and tools for clinical research courses
- Opportunities for collaboration, research and publication
- Collective leadership on key issues in clinical research education, training and role development
- Networking among academic instructors and programs
- Student internship and program placement
- Electronic networking and website links
- Provide leadership opportunities to members on committees or as officers within the organization and intersecting with our allies
- Participation in quarterly meetings
- Exposure to numerous clinical research academic programs across the United States

# Benefits of Sustaining Membership



- Collective experience and learnings of accreditation standards and procedures
- Shared experiences, contacts, course elements and tools for clinical research courses
- Opportunities for collaboration, research and publication
- Collective leadership on key issues in clinical research education, training and role development
- Networking among academic instructors and programs
- Provide leadership opportunities to members on committees or as officers within the organization and intersecting with our allies
- Student internship and program placement
- Electronic networking and website links

# CoAPCR Membership

Institutional Member	Supporting Member	Sustaining Member
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post-secondary academic institution or clinical facility</li> <li>• Offers certificate, diploma, or degree programs for clinical research professionals</li> <li>• Must be accredited by a regional institutional accrediting agency               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- USA: recognized by US Dept of Education</li> <li>- Abroad: recognized by either the US Dept Education or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stakeholders of CoAPCR that wish to contribute to the financial support of COAPCR</li> <li>• Membership allows for the suggestion of individuals to be considered for representation on the CAAPCR (ie, committee on accreditation)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any individual who wishes to contribute annually to the support of CoAPCR.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple individuals may participate</li> <li>• 1 voting member</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple individuals may participate</li> <li>• No voting rights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual member</li> <li>• No voting rights</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$250 annual fee per institution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$1,000 annual fee per organization</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$100 annual fee</li> </ul>



## Institutional Members

- Arizona State University
- Boston University School of Medicine
- Campbell University
- Duke University
- Durham Technical Community College
- Eastern Michigan University
- The George Washington University
- McMaster University
- North Carolina Central University
- The Ohio State University
- Pima Community College
- Purdue University
- Rutgers University
- St. Cloud State University
- University of Alabama Birmingham
- University of Michigan
- University of North Carolina Wilmington
- Virginia Commonwealth University

Programs include:

- Associate's, Bachelor's, and Master's degrees
- Undergraduate and graduate-level certificates
- Clinical Research Sciences/Operations, Regulatory Sciences, Clinical Research Management/Administration, Product Development, Drug Safety/PV, Clinical Data Management, Translational Pharmacology

## Supporting Members

- ACRP
- Merck
- NC Biotechnology Center
- ICON

## Sustaining Members

- Mark Arquiza
- Bill Gluck
- Steve Sonstein

**Current CoAPCR  
Members**

# How to Become a Member



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## Become A Member of CoAPCR

### MEMBERSHIP TYPES

#### • Regular (Institutional) Membership

- Post-secondary academically based educational institution or clinical facility accredited by a regional institutional accrediting agency that is recognized by the US Department of Education located in the USA or for institutions abroad recognized by either the US Department of Education or by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, offering certificate, diploma, or degree programs for clinical research professionals.
- Multiple members per institution, 1 voting member. \$250 annual membership fee.

#### • Sponsoring (Supporting) Membership

- Stakeholders of CoAPCR that wish to contribute annually to the financial support of CoAPCR at a higher level. Membership allows for the suggestion of individuals to be considered for representation on the [CAAPCR](#) (ie, committee on accreditation).
- Multiple members per organization, no voting rights. \$1000 annual membership fee per organization.

#### • Sustaining Membership

- Any individual who wishes to contribute annually to the support of CoAPCR.
- Individual member, no voting rights. \$100 annual membership fee.

### REGISTRATION FORM

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First Name:  Last Name:

Title:

Phone:  Email:

Address:

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#### Program & Institution:

Institution Name:

Program Name:  College/Department:

Program Website:

#### Program Information:

Degree Programs Offered:

Credit Hours Required:

Practicum  
Required: Online

Degree Program:

Credit Hours Required:

# Questions?

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