



NCRA's Knowledge-Based Badge Program Central Registry

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NCRA's Knowledge-Based Central Registry Badge has been designed to help hospital registrars understand the general operations and responsibilities of a central registry. It is ideal for registrars interested in transitioning from working at a facility to working at a central registry. Students enrolled in an NCRA Accredited Formal Education Program are encouraged to consider this central registry badge to better understand the work and purpose of central registries. Current Health Information Management (HIM) students are also encouraged to complete the badge to understand the roles and responsibilities of a central registrar. Holding NCRA's Certified Tumor Registrar (CTR) credential is not required but is recommended as is AHIMA's Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT) credential.

NCRA's Knowledge-Based Badge Program

NCRA's Knowledge-Based Badge Program is based on a specific educational curriculum for which participants receive a completion certificate (electronic and printable PDF) and a digital badge after coursework completion and receipt of a passing score on the related assessments. The program is managed by NCRA's Education Department and is designed to demonstrate competency of a topic specific to the cancer registry profession. The curriculum and training are developed by subject matter experts. Recipients may display their completion certificates or post their digital badges, but they have not earned credentials to use after their names, nor can they say they are certified or have earned certification. Continuing education credits are not required to maintain a knowledge-based badge. NCRA's knowledge-based badges and the related certificate include a date of completion to indicate to the marketplace when the training was complete. All NCRA Knowledge-Based Badges are reviewed by NCRA's Program Recognition Committee and continuing education (CE) credits are awarded as deemed appropriate by the committee.

- Non-degree granting program offered through the Center for Cancer Registry Education, NCRA's learning management system.
- Provides education and training to aid participants in acquiring specific knowledge, skills, and/or competencies associated with intended learning outcomes.
- Evaluates participants' achievement of the intended learning outcomes.
- Awards a completion certificate and digital badge to those participants who demonstrate that they have met the intended learning outcomes by passing the end-of-course assessment(s).
- Credentials are not awarded for NCRA's knowledge-based badges.
- Cannot be used towards eligibility of the certification exam.
- Continuing education credits are not required to maintain a knowledge-based badge.

Details on the Central Registry Badge

Training and materials are offered through NCRA's Center for Cancer Registry Education (CCRE) and organized by four core competencies with related assessments. Candidates must pass the four assessments to earn the completion certificate and digital badge.

- Core Competency 1: Purpose of Central Cancer Registries
- Core Competency 2: Central Registry Software
- Core Competency 3: Ensuring Data Quality
- Core Competency 4: Central Registry Data Use

Core Competency 1: Purpose of Central Cancer Registries

LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF WEBINAR:

- Understand what a central registry is and its purpose.
- Learn the differences between a hospital registry and a central registry.
- Review central registry certification programs.
- Highlight the importance of continuing education/training.
- Review the disease process for the most common cancers.

Handout 1: Overview: Central Cancer Registry

Handout 2: Overview: Bladder Cancer

Handout 3: Overview: Breast Cancer

Handout 4: Overview: Colon Cancer

Handout 5: Overview: Lung Cancer

Handout 6: Overview: Prostate Cancer

Assessment for Core Competency 1 (30 questions)

Core Competency 2: Central Registry Software

LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF WEBINAR:

- Outline the skills needed and importance of matching software programs.
- Review the relational databases that serve as the basis for most central registry software.
 - Discuss central registry data management systems
 - Other useful software applications
 - Interoperability
 - Data standards

Assessment for Core Competency 2 (15 questions)

No handouts.

Core Competency 3: Ensuring Data Quality

LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE FOUR WEBINARS:

- Webinar 1: Hospital Audits
 - Understand the purpose of hospital audits.
 - Learn the different type of audits performed.
 - Review why audits are necessary.
- Webinar 2: Data Edits
 - Understand the purpose of Edits.
 - Learn the components of the Edits process.
 - Recognize how to resolve/read Edits.
- Webinar 3: Death Clearance
 - Understand the purpose of performing death clearance.
 - Review the process of performing death clearance.
 - Learn how to perform tumor comparisons.
- Webinar 4: Consolidation
 - Understand the purpose of consolidation at the central cancer registry.
 - Review the process of consolidation.
 - Learn how to determine the best code when performing consolidation.

Handout 1: Follow-Up (survival rates, active vs. passive, central registry role)

Handout 2: Ensuring Data Quality

Assessment for Core Competency 3 (25 questions)

Core Competency 4: Central Registry Data Use

LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF WEBINAR:

- Understand the varied uses of the central registry's data.
- Review data linkages performed by a central registry.
- Identify the process of cancer cluster investigations.
- Examine the use of data warehouses and central registry data.

Handout 1: Central Registry Data Use

Assessment for Core Competency 4 (16 questions)