

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How many students have joined this program and when did the PDCR® program start?
Between Jul'04 and Jun'10, 3900 candidates from 156 cities across 8 countries have enrolled for PDCR® program establishing itself as India's largest clinical research training program.

2. What is the evaluation process for the PDCR® program?

Assignments are used as grading tools for evaluation of PDCR®. There is no written examination.

3. Is PDCR® program recognized/accredited by any university/institution?

PDCR® is a skill development program and does not require recognition/accreditation from any university. The Program content have been developed by a team of clinical research professionals having more than 20 years of cumulative experience in the conduct of global clinical trials. The Program Director has personally conducted and supervised over 80 clinical trials (Global registration, Phase II CTNRs, IITs etc.) across a wide range of therapeutic areas including oncology, endocrinology, CNS, critical care, andrology etc. along with several International publications. A list of successful PDCR® candidates can be found at <http://www.catalystclinicalservices.com/Pages/PDCR.htm>

4. What are the job opportunities after the completion of the program? Whether you provide placement after the completion of PDCR®?

Since PDCR® is aimed at providing a basic to advanced level understanding of various clinical trial processes hence the best opportunity would be in the area of clinical research. The entry point in most of the companies and CROs is CRA (Clinical Research Associate) whose primary responsibility is project management and clinical trial monitoring. The other employment opportunities are specified in the program brochure. We do not provide any placement to the participants, but we do give placement guidance to all PDCR® participants.

5. Where will the contact classes be held?

The contact classes would be held in selected cities subject to a minimum enrolment of 25 participants/city. The most probable location would be Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, and Chennai.

6. I don't meet the basic eligibility criteria (minimum education qualification) for admission in PDCR®, but I have work experience in clinical research for more than 2 years. Am I eligible for admission into PDCR®?

Anyone who doesn't meet the basic eligibility criteria (minimum education qualification) for admission in PDCR®, but has relevant work experience in clinical research is eligible for admission into PDCR® provided such candidate produces experience certificate duly signed by the head of institution/organization/department where he/she is working.

7. When would we receive the study material and assignments for the program?

Batch	Study Material and Assignments Dispatch Dates	Assignments Submission Dates
August 2010	10 th August 2010	15 th December 2010

Candidates are advised to contact the course coordinator in case study material and assignments do not reach within 15 days of planned dispatch dates.

8. What type of questions would be included in the assignments? Is the study material sufficient for the completion of assignments or additional books/reference material would be required?

There would be 4 assignments one for each module. Each assignment would consist of 35 MCQ type questions (each of 2 marks =70 marks) and case study (30 marks). You would be given four and half months time to complete the assignments. You can go through various web links provided on our company website (www.catalystclinicalservices.com) to get yourself updated on various topics in clinical research but as far as completion of assignments is concern, the material provided in the program is sufficient.