

## Certified Research Administrator, CRA

### What is a CRA?

- The Research Administrators Certification Council (RACC) has developed a nationally recognized certification in Research Administration. The CRA designation signifies an individual has met the requirements of the RACC and has successfully passed the exam that covers the full gamut of Research Administration

### The Exam

- A computer based test
- Offered twice per year (May and December)
- 250 questions that cover funding opportunities, pre-award, post award, proposal development, project and financial management, compliance (IRB, IACUC, conflict of interest, export control, audits, research misconduct), federal regulations, OMB Circulars, intellectual property, clinical trials.
- Exam fee is \$350 (NCSU will pay for the first exam. Should future exams be necessary the fee will be the responsibility of the applicant)

### Who Should Consider Taking the Exam?

- Any Research Administrator that meets the qualification requirements:
  - BS/BA Degree – 3 years of substantial experience required
  - Associates Degree – 6 years of substantial experience required
  - No Degree – 8 years of substantial experience required

### Why Become A CRA?

- Professional recognition
- Marketability – advancement opportunities
- Respect from clientele
- Serve as a leader in the profession

### Study Resources:

- Body of Knowledge through the RACC - <http://www.cra-cert.org/bodyofknowledge.html>
- Research Administration and Management, by Kulakowski and Chronister - \$155.00
- A Guide to Manage Federal Grants – a website developed by NCURA & NACUBO - \$438 - \$538 **annual access fee.**
- North Carolina Training Consortium (NCTC) – training website developed by NCSU, Duke and UNC - **Coming Soon!**

### 2009 Deadlines:

- 3/15/2009 – deadline to register for the exam in May
- 10/15/2009 – deadline to register for the exam in December

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