

Trailblazing VIARES changes the standards for entry-level CRAs

VIARES is the first independent organization to achieve IAOCR 5 star accreditation for their industry-newcomers training course

Maidenhead, United Kingdom and Vienna, Austria, 15 August 2018 – The VIARES CRA ACADEMY has been awarded the IAOCR 5 star accreditation for their training program: providing the first accredited, independent, competency-based entry level program for clinical research.

Developed to upskill newcomers for a career as clinical research associates based on their competence, the [VIARES CRA ACADEMY](#) development program addresses the skills, knowledge and behaviors participants need to acquire in order to perform their role effectively and professionally.

IAOCR, the accrediting organization for the international clinical research industry, undertook a six-month assessment period designed to ensure high standards. The process involved a detailed review of all materials and methodology assessed against learning outcomes and assessment criteria. In order to become a recognized center to deliver and assess the course, the trainers themselves were also assessed and gained the [Qualified Clinical Research Trainer Certification \(TIACR\)](#).

“The in-depth assessment process ensured we could award VIARES CRA ACADEMY the 5 star accreditation with confidence. The VIARES team worked diligently alongside us throughout the six months to ensure the program measured up to the high standards required,” remarked Karen Ruthven, Global Head of Workforce Competence Services, IAOCR, who led the accreditation process. “VIARES have very experienced and competent trainers who were open to adjusting and adapting to our feedback and recommendations to achieve the best outcomes; it was a pleasure to work with them.”

The 5 star accreditation is awarded to organizations who demonstrate commitment to providing high quality development programs. The VIARES program has been independently assessed and mapped to the CRA [Global Clinical Research Competency Frameworks](#) (Core Global Standards) and there is a robust assessment of learners against these core global competency standards to ensure that they can apply what they have learnt during the training to practical workplace activities.

“The VIARES CRA ACADEMY intends to evolve the DNA of the clinical workforce by investing in individuals’ competencies: allowing newcomers to have the best start in the industry and a lasting career,” explained Dietmar Eglhofer, CEO and co-founder of VIARES. “The accreditation is essential to us in achieving this change for employees and the industry because it demonstrates the high standards our customers ask for. To be the first independent organization verified shows VIARES’ commitment to provide the industry-leading approach in clinical research workforce solutions for our customers.”

Accreditation is a continual process and, following the initial 5 star award, IAOCR will work with VIARES on an ongoing basis, providing support from a Quality Assurance perspective. For IAOCR, this robust, continual approach is imperative to maintain the high standards required for accreditation.

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Evolving the DNA of the Clinical Research Workforce.

At VIARES, we have a vision. Where the clinical research workforce is recruited, developed and certified globally. Where employers and employees continuously assess, develop and improve their competencies. Where certified professionals are the industry standard when dealing with patients. We don't put our lives in the hands of un-licensed pilots: why not have a certified clinical workforce support patient lives? Evolve your workforce DNA with us.

We are committed to provide the industry-leading approach in clinical research workforce solutions – for today and tomorrow. We are covering your international clinical research talent demand by scalable, cost-effective and accredited solutions.

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About IAOCR

IAOCR's purpose is to align people and business strategies, enabling organizational excellence in the clinical research sector.

IAOCR business processes and accreditations have been built specifically for the clinical research industry. They provide a quality mark to organizations committed to globally consistent, high quality clinical trials workforces. We work with clinical research organizations that are passionate about improving the effectiveness and efficiency of clinical trials by addressing human factors that work alongside the technologies and processes.

We believe that clinical trial patients anywhere in the world deserve the best protection in terms of rights and wellbeing. Therefore, in addition to providing accreditation, training and consultancy services, IAOCR works with industry leaders and regulators around the globe to develop best practice guidelines and frameworks that are freely available to everyone. To find out more about the best practice initiatives visit <http://iaocr.com/resources/>