



# Rowan-Cabarrus Community College **News**

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### **RCCC Offering Short-Term Clinical Research Course**

CONCORD, N.C. — Rowan-Cabarrus Community College will offer a new, short-term course in clinical research Feb. 26 through April 9.

“Overview of Clinical Research,” is a 26-hour, industry-developed course designed to give students an understanding of the broad spectrum of activities related to initiating, coordinating and managing clinical research studies. Students will learn from clinical research professionals how the research process begins with the discovery of a compound, followed by research and development, clinical and non-clinical studies and ultimately FDA approval.

The class, offered through RCCC’s Continuing Education Department, will meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m., at RCCC’s South Campus, Feb. 26 through April 9. There is a registration fee of \$55, plus a materials fee of \$5.

As a prerequisite, students must obtain a Silver-Level Career Readiness Certificate through RCCC’s R<sup>3</sup> Center in Kannapolis. Call the R<sup>3</sup> Center at 704-216-7212 for more information and to schedule an appointment.

The “Overview of Clinical Research” course will introduce students to the field of clinical research and perhaps provide a first step in a career path as a clinical research associate. Some of the key

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traits of successful clinical research associates include being detailed oriented and computer literate; having excellent interpersonal skills, strong written and verbal communication skills and the ability to work independently and as a team member; and having self confidence and the ability to multi-task and prioritize work. Prior medical education or medical office experience is helpful.

Clinical research associates work on clinical trials, which are research studies to assess the effectiveness of medical approaches, including various types of treatment. Each research study answers scientific questions and seeks to find better ways to prevent, screen for, diagnose and treat disease.

For more information about the continuing education programs at RCCC, call 704-216-3512 or see [www.rowancabarrus.edu/continuing\\_ed/](http://www.rowancabarrus.edu/continuing_ed/).

### **About Rowan-Cabarrus Community College**

RCCC is a comprehensive, community-based institution of higher learning, serving the citizens of Rowan and Cabarrus counties in North Carolina. RCCC offers associate-degree programs in more than 40 areas of study, including arts and sciences, business, information technology, health and human services, and engineering technologies. RCCC also offers diploma and certificate programs focused on career training, continuing education and basic skills education. RCCC provides a strong foundation for students transferring to four-year colleges and universities and helps adults get the additional training they need to move into new careers.

RCCC annually provides more than 2,000 course offerings, serving an overall enrollment of approximately 20,000 adult students. In addition, RCCC provides the education and job-training programs needed to meet many of the workforce demands of the North Carolina Research Campus being developed in Kannapolis. For complete details, see the RCCC website at [www.rowancabarrus.edu](http://www.rowancabarrus.edu).

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