

Frequently Asked Questions - Updated May 3, 2016

Do I have to be a member of NCRAF to attend the workshops?

Yes, you must have a current active NCRAF membership to attend.

I do not want to pay online; can I bring a check to the first class instead?

Sorry, no. NCRAF is a volunteer run organization and the logistics of paper transactions, receipts and deposits quickly become unwieldy. The new NCRAF website has a direct link (no more PayPal) for secure transactions between members and the NCRAF account.

How do I get to Duke Clinical Research Institute - North Pavilion?

The street address is 2400 Pratt Street, Durham, 27705 if you're using GPS, or Google Maps, etc. If you're navigating old school, DCRI is a nine story building that backs onto Fulton Road between the Durham Freeway (NC 147) and Elder Street.

Parking will cost \$2 per hour. Bring your parking ticket with you because you will pay via machine as you walk back to your car (very similar to the parking scenario at RDU).

From 147 North, exit at Fulton/Hillandale Rd, Exit 15B . Make a left to go under 147 on Fulton. The first street on the left is Pratt Street. Turn left onto Pratt Street and proceed to the first left off Pratt. This is the drive to the parking garage. Follow this drive to the stop sign. Proceed to the left from the stop sign and enter the parking garage through the entry designated for "visitors".

The Workshops are held in the lower level lecture hall. From the main entry, go down the stairs directly in front of the entry doors to the atrium. The lower level lecture hall is down the corridor to the right; the double doors on the right hand side.

Will I get Continuing Education Credits for attending the workshop?

Yes. Each NCRAF Workshop hour attended equates to 1 continuing education credit. Certificates are generally awarded at the last class. Credits may be applied to support any RAPS certification (e.g., credits in the EU workshop count towards a US certification and vice versa).

Are there refreshments available?

The US Workshop provides pizza in several varieties and iced tea in the Lower Level Atrium from 5:30 - 6:00 P.M. The cost of the food is part of the workshop fee.

What if I am unable to attend all of the sessions?

We'll miss you but we do try to record all of the presentations and post the recordings for attendees to download and listen to at their convenience. We will not be able to make any pro-rated refunds if you drop out of the workshop; however, the recordings and presentations will continue to be available to you via the NCRAF website.

Do I have to buy the RAPS textbook?

If you plan on taking the RAPS certification exam, it is recommended that you buy the current textbook. Otherwise all of the course materials will be made available to registered attendees.

Can I buy the RAPS textbook from NCRAF?

No. The textbook is only available from RAPS. In the past, workshop organizers have often been able to submit bulk orders to RAPS for the workshop's corresponding textbook but this is not always be possible. If you want a textbook contact the workshop administrator to see if a bulk order is planned for that session.

Alternatively you may order the textbook directly from RAPS. You do not need to be a member of RAPS to order publications from them although members do get a better price for materials than non-members.

When do I have to decide about taking the RAPS certification exam?

The RAPS exams are offered twice a year: a spring session (1 April–30 May) and a fall session (1 October–30 December) .Specific testing dates are set up with the test sites based on space availability. You must register and pay to take the test first; scheduling e mails are only sent out after the registration deadline closes. To date, no one has reported to NCRAF of having been unable to get the testing date and location of their choice.

To view more information about the RAPS Regulatory Affairs Certification including registration and exam dates, follow this link: <http://www.raps.org/rac.aspx>.

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