

# Professional Development Resources for Administrators

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# Professional Development vs. Training: How are they different?

Training:

*Usually short term for specific processes or skill development*

Professional Development:

*More person centered & for gaining skills & knowledge to move forward in their career*

# External In-Person Resources

**NACUBO (National Association of College and University Business Officers),**

<https://www.nacubo.org/>

Annual Meetings & Regional Forums  
Fellows & Emerging Leaders Programs

**NCURA (National Council of University Research Administrators),**

<https://www.ncura.edu/Education/MeetingsConferences.aspx>

Annual Meetings  
Financial Research Administration Meetings  
Pre-Award Research Administration Meetings & Workshops

**SRAI (Society of Research Administrators International),**

<https://www.srainternational.org/meetings/trainings-conferences>

Annual Meetings  
Intensive Training Programs

**SRAI-NC Chapter.**

<https://www.srainternational.org/northcarolinachapter/home>

Annual Pre-Conference workshops & Chapter Meeting

# External Virtual Resources

**NACUBO (National Association of College and University Business Officers),**

<https://www.nacubo.org/>

Microlearning, Self-Study, Podcasts, Online Events & On-Demand Programs

**NCURA (National Council of University Research Administrators),**

<https://www.youtube.com/user/ncura1959>

You Tube Channel, 4,000+ subscribers, Currently 683 Videos & Select Playlists

**NYU Research Administration Demonstration Series,**

<https://wp.nyu.edu/nyuresearchrad/>

Goal is to provide information/knowledge sharing for all research administrators; Everything is free!

Online registration for classes

# The CRA (Certified Research Administrator) Credential

- Nationally recognized credential
- Recent addition to add to the professionalization of research/sponsored program administration
- Managed by the **RACC-Research Administration Certification Council**,  
<http://www.cra-cert.org/>
  - 3 different types of certifications:
    - Certified Research Administrator (CRA)
    - Certified Pre-Award Research Administrator (CPRA)
    - Certified Financial Research Administrator (CFRA)

# CRA Study Groups

## Virginia Tech,

<https://www.research.vt.edu/research-development/professional-development/cra-study-team.html>

- Online guided self-study program designed for all administrators regardless of institution who are interested in and qualify to take the certified research administrator exam
  - Cohorts typically begin around March and September of each year
  - Sessions are live online; recorded & posted for participants to view at a later time
    - You will be expected to contribute and participate in each session

## University of Colorado-Boulder,

<https://www.colorado.edu/ocg/ocg-staff-resources/professional-development/cra-study-group>

- Begins each semester with virtual meetings on a weekly basis for 2 months before the exam to go over study materials located on the Google website
- Each session is 1 hr with 40-45 minutes of a topic-specific presentation and 20 minutes of discussion, questions and/or practice quizzes

# Additional CRA Resources/Certificates & Degrees in Research Administration

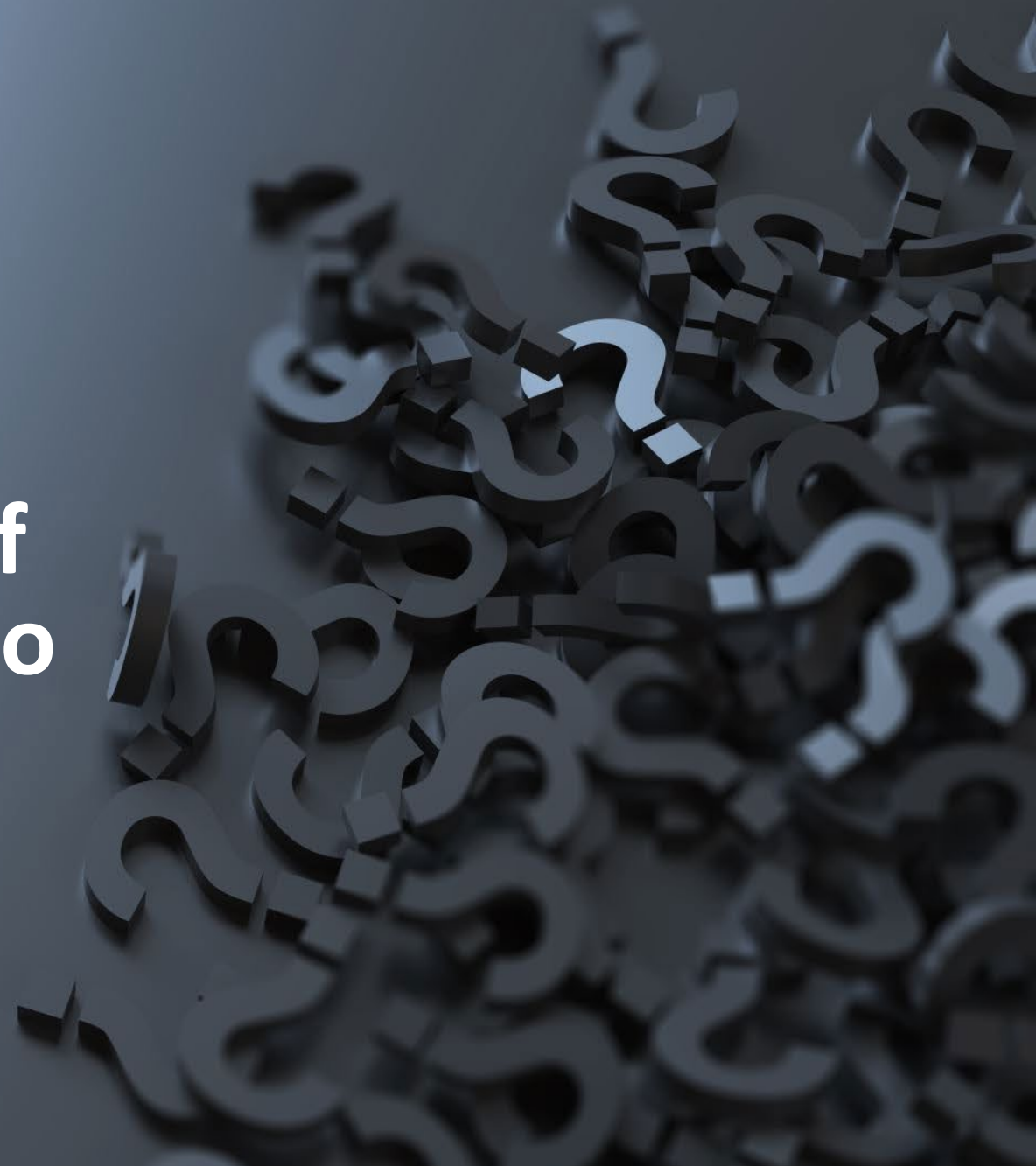
## UNC-CH Research Website,

<https://research.unc.edu/compliance/training/certified-research-administrator/>

- CRA Research Administrator Exam Prep Link
  - Quizlet Study Set Prep Link
- Certificate and Degree Programs Links

**Do you have a  
professional  
development plan?**

**Has anyone used any of  
the resources & wants to  
share their experience  
with the group?**







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