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CAHIIM and NCRA Partner to Advance Education and Professional Competence in Cancer Registry Management

The Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM) and the National Cancer Registrars Association (NCRA) proudly announce a groundbreaking partnership aimed at creating innovative pathways for students pursuing careers in cancer registry.

This collaboration integrates CAHIIM-accredited educational programs with NCRA's industry-leading resources and certifications, empowering graduates to excel in the dynamic field of cancer data management. Through this agreement, CAHIIM-accredited cancer registry certificate programs will connect students to the NCRA-accredited virtual practicum, providing essential competency-based assessments required to qualify for the Oncology Data Specialist (ODS) credential exam.

Key Highlights of the Partnership:

- **Comprehensive Learning Pathways:** Graduates from CAHIIM-accredited certificate programs will gain access to NCRA's virtual practicum and competency assessments, bridging academic excellence with training in cancer registry.
- **Enhanced Educational Resources:** CAHIIM will evaluate programs against the NCRA curriculum requirements, ensuring alignment with national standards and evolving industry practices.
- **Certification and Professional Growth:** This pathway enables students to meet NCRA's eligibility standards and pursue the Oncology Data Specialist (ODS) credential, recognized nationally as the gold standard in professional competence for cancer registrars.



“As we face workforce shortages in this field, it is imperative that we invest in promoting quality education and training to prepare graduates to meet these demands. These professionals will play a vital role in supporting cancer surveillance, research, and data analysis efforts that informs treatment and care, and underpins prevention,” said Angela Kennedy, Chief Executive Officer of CAHIIM. “This partnership underscores CAHIIM’s commitment to fostering workforce readiness and educational innovation.”

Peggy Meehan, Director of Education at NCRA, added, “Our collaboration with CAHIIM exemplifies how strategic partnerships can drive excellence in education and certification. Together, we can expand quality education opportunities to make a significant impact on the recruitment, training, and retention of skilled professionals in cancer registry management.

Benefits to Schools and Students:

- Institutions offering CAHIIM-accredited cancer registry programs can affiliate with NCRA, giving students access to practicum resources and assessment tools.
- Students enrolled in these programs will experience streamlined pathways to achieve the ODS credential, enhancing their employability and career prospects.

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About CAHIIM

The Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education is a recognized leader in accreditation for various higher education programs, dedicated to ensuring academic excellence and workforce readiness in these rapidly evolving fields.

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About NCRA

The National Cancer Registrars Association represents nearly 7,000 cancer registry professionals. NCRA provides education, advocacy, and credentialing to empower professionals who play a critical role in cancer research, treatment, and prevention.

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