Education

The AHRA Leadership Institute provides professional development programs for medical imaging professionals at all experience levels—Executive, Advanced and Basic. In addition, the Institute presents AHRA’s CRA Exam Workshop.

These programs are offered in various formats—on-site conferences, meetings, and coding and reimbursement seminars, as well as webinars and online courses.

AHRA programs provide ARRT Category A Continuing Education (CE) credit. The Coding and Reimbursement Seminars have been submitted for CE, RCCB and AAPC credit.

Executive Program
The Executive Program is designed for individuals with 10 or more years in a senior medical imaging management position. It is a highly interactive education experience that brings together hospital, imaging center and group practice administrators.

Advanced Program
Medical imaging is constantly evolving. Professionals in management positions can not afford to fall behind on the industry’s changes and how these changes impact the business, human resources, operations and staffing of imaging departments, facilities and practices. The Institute offers a comprehensive selection of education sessions for today’s medical imaging leaders. Most of AHRA’s education sessions fall under the Advanced Program.

Basic Management Skills Program
New and aspiring managers and supervisors need a solid foundation of information and skills specific to medical imaging management. The Basic Management Skills Program addresses these subject areas.

AHRA’s CRA Exam Workshop
This workshop facilitates attendees’ study and preparation for the Certified Radiology Administrator (CRA) examination. It reviews each subject area covered in the examination, focuses on areas to study and provides references and direction to other resources.

Online Institute
AHRA is proud to present the Online Institute, an accessible and affordable venue for earning CE credit. Choose from the dozens of online presentations or Quick Credit™ articles and tests. Course offerings are updated regularly.

Online Resources

eCommunities
These online forums focus on specific subjects. Members can exchange messages, share files and edit documents. *Available to AHRA members only.

List Server
More than 1,000 members use this online message board to communicate on many different topics. *Available to AHRA members only.

Online Education
The AHRA Online Institute provides easy, affordable access to high-quality education programs. Courses address diverse subjects related to medical imaging management. Whether you are interested in leveraging technology to increase business, want information on current compliance and reimbursement issues for imaging centers, are interested in the impact leadership has on training and change, or seek guidance in preparing for the CRA examination, the Online Institute has courses that meet your needs.

Sample Document Library
This expanding repository provides members with free access to sample forms and documents, including job descriptions, policies and procedures, assessment tools and contracts. *Available to AHRA members only.*
The Certified Radiology Administrator (CRA) credential was instituted in 2002 to measure and recognize core professional competencies related to medical imaging management. Since its founding, more than 600 individuals have earned the CRA credential.

The credential is governed by the Radiology Administration Certification Commission (RACC), an autonomous group that receives operational support from AHRA. More information on the CRA credential can be found online at www.crainfo.org.

Certified Radiology Administrator Credential

CRA Examination Dates
May 1-31, 2009
Computer-based examination
Testing centers throughout the United States

August 9, 2009
Paper-and-pencil examination
Mandalay Bay
Las Vegas, NV

November 1-30, 2009
Computer-based examination
Testing centers throughout the United States

*As of November 10, 2008. AHRA reserves the right to change or reschedule programs. For up-to-date program information, visit AHRA’s website, www.ahraonline.org.
Publications

Benchmarking Surveys
AHRA publishes a series of benchmarking surveys that provide data on image management, staff utilization and compensation and benefits.

Link
AHRA’s award-winning newsletter keeps members current with association news and serves as an outlet for members to share career-related experiences and advice. Available to AHRA members only.

Radiology Management
Rated the #1 publication among medical imaging administrators, Radiology Management provides peer-reviewed, evidence-based information and research. The journal focuses on education, and it includes feature articles and expert columns on healthcare management, human resources, coding, technology, finance, asset management, operations and more. Free subscriptions available to AHRA members only; nonmembers may purchase subscriptions.

Textbooks
The AHRA Professional Development Series of textbooks address specific subjects and their applications in medical imaging management. These subjects include finance, communication and information, and human resources.

Scholarships and Learning Partnerships

AHRA Education Foundation
The AHRA Education Foundation is a non-profit foundation dedicated to education in the field of radiology management and related disciplines. Since its inception in 1990, the AHRA Education Foundation has raised funds and created multiple programs, projects, products and services specifically designed to promote ongoing applied management education for medical imaging professionals.

Broadley Scholarship Program
The Broadley Scholarship Program provides assistance to members in supervisory positions who have been accepted into an initial undergraduate or initial graduate degree program relevant to a supervisory career in medical imaging. Available to AHRA members only.

Osborn Scholarship Fund
Osborn Scholarships enable members to participate in AHRA’s Annual Meeting, Spring Conference or Fall Conference. Available to AHRA members only.

Partners in Learning Program
The Partners in Learning Program provides medical imaging administrators at any stage of professional development resources to spend a few days at another healthcare facility to learn how other professionals address similar day-to-day operations. Both visitors and hosts gain fresh perspectives by sharing their experiences and specific areas of expertise. Available to AHRA members only.

About AHRA

AHRA is the preeminent organization for leaders in medical imaging management. The association offers a complete slate of professional development programs—including the AHRA Leadership Institute’s comprehensive selection of education conferences and seminars, networking opportunities, award-winning publications and the Certified Radiology Administrator credential. Founded in 1973, AHRA’s 4,000+ members reach across the country and around the world, representing management at all levels for freestanding imaging centers, hospital imaging departments and group practices.

Mission
AHRA is a resource and catalyst for the development of professional leadership in medical imaging management.

Vision
AHRA will be the association of choice for leaders in medical imaging management. It will be dedicated to developing products and services driven by member needs. The association will be a driving force toward improving the healthcare environment.

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