

Map to Success: For Careers in Clinical Research



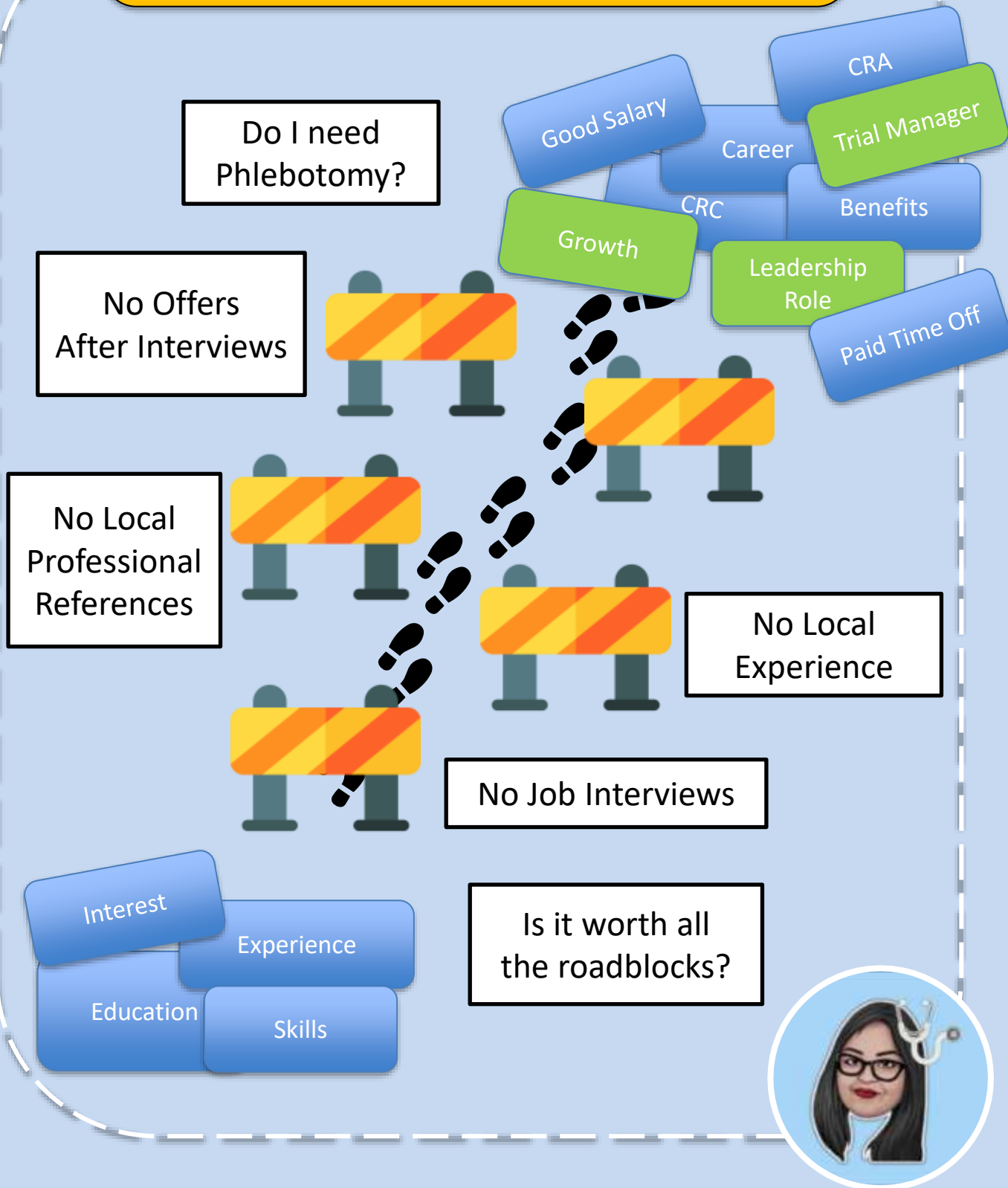
**WHAT YOU
CAN ACHIEVE**



**WHAT YOU
COME WITH**



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Start with an Assessment.
Ask Yourself: What do I have
already and What do I need to get
to my goal?

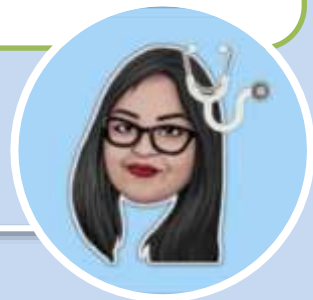
If you are unsure, you will benefit from a consultation with a career consultant who specializes in this field and this job market.

Interest

Experience

Education

Skills

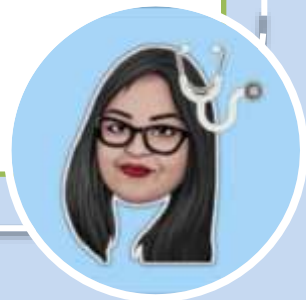


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In the Space Below, write down what you already have in your toolbox. This can include a degree, a certification, experience of working with patients, knowing relevant softwares, holding a work permit, volunteering experience, etc.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.



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The academic fields listed below are all excellent as a foundation to transition into the clinical research industry.

Life Sciences
(Biology,
Biochemistry, etc.)

Medicine (MBBS,
MD, IMG)

Data Science &
Statistics

Nursing

Psychology & Social
Sciences

Public Health &
Epidemiology

Dentistry

Pharmacy &
Pharmacology

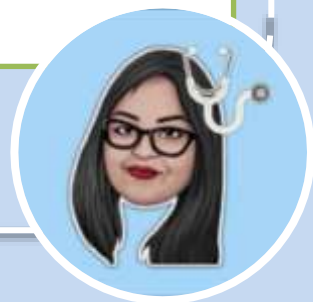
Health
Administration

Nutrition (RD etc.)

Physiotherapy

Occupational
Therapy

A Bachelor's Degree is a must to enter this field. A Master's degree is preferred but not mandatory.



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Do I need a Certification?

✓ If you have a degree from Canada/USA you MAY or MAY NOT need a certification in clinical research. This would depend on which degree you have and how well it transitions to the Clinical Research Roles you are applying for.

✓ If your only degree is from outside of Canada/USA, you will highly benefit from a post-graduate certification in clinical research.

✓ If you are unsure, book a consult with a career consultant who specializes in this field and this job market. They will be able to advise you appropriately.



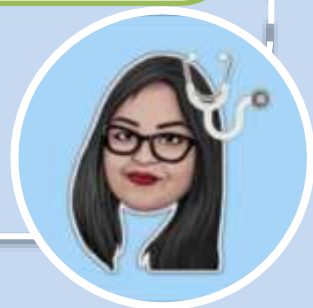
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Do I need to re-do my GCP (Good Clinical Practice)?

If your ICH-GCP was done from a reputable organization within Canada/USA you do not need to repeat it for job applications unless it is expired.

If your ICH-GCP was done from outside Canada/USA you should repeat it from a local, reputable organization.

In addition, for the Canadian job market you should also have TCPS2 CORE (Tri Council Policy Statement 2), proof of Division 5 Health Canada Training, and Transportation of Dangerous Groups (TDG) certifications.



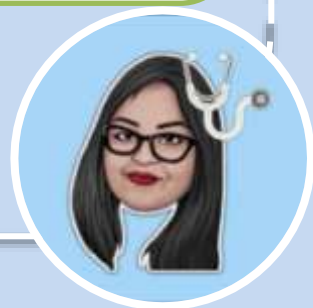
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I have local degrees and certifications, what next?

If you have your degree and certifications, next is to adapt your **RESUME (CV)** and **Cover Letter** for the **Clinical Research Industry** and the **local job market**.

There are several ways to do this:

1. Download a Template from [Mastering Clinical Research](#)
2. Build a custom one together with [help from an expert](#)
3. You can try to create one yourself by watching some tips on [my youtube channel](#)



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What else should I keep in mind?

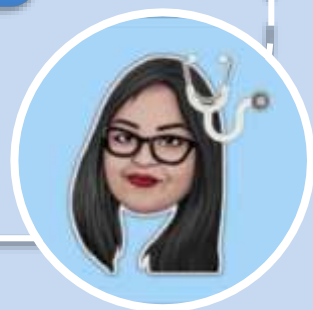
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Get Local Volunteering Experience

Use the best job search strategy

Prepare for your Interviews

Use the correct references for each type of job



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Now, let's paint the picture of your professional dreams..

Entry level roles are typically a research assistant or trials assistant or clinical research coordinator or analyst

Between 2-3 years in such roles makes you an experienced CRP (Clinical Research Professional)

You can then begin to plan your long-term goals and specialization routes!



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Now, let's peek at specialization pathways

Clinical Operations
(CRC → CRA → CTPM → Director)

Regulatory Affairs
(Specialist → Manager → Head)

Pharmacovigilance
(PV Associate → Manager)

Data Management
(CDM → Manager → Director)

Quality Assurance
(CRC → QA Specialist → Auditor → Director)

Medical Writing
(Writer → Senior Writer → Lead)

Research Administration
(CRAA → Manager → Admin Lead)

Research Science
(CRAstt. → CR Assoc → Post Doc → Scientist)





There are a lot more specialization routes in this rapidly growing industry. Some other pathways include ethics, research analytics, etc.



Professionals can move between pathways and develop expertise in oncology, medical devices, pediatrics, rare disease, decentralized trials, among others.



Once you have a few initial years of experience in Canada/USA, you can start brainstorming with an expert about which long-term specialization routes are best aligned with your interests and goals. Some things to keep in mind are: travel requirements for roles, pay structure, job security, work-life balance, pensions and benefits.



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