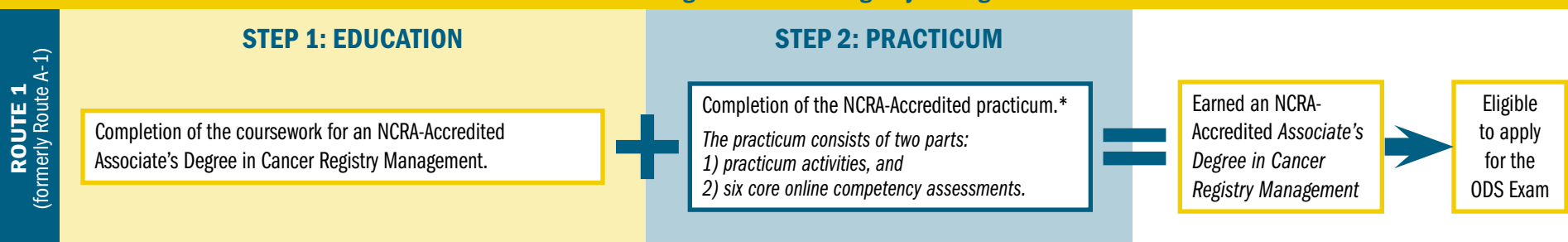


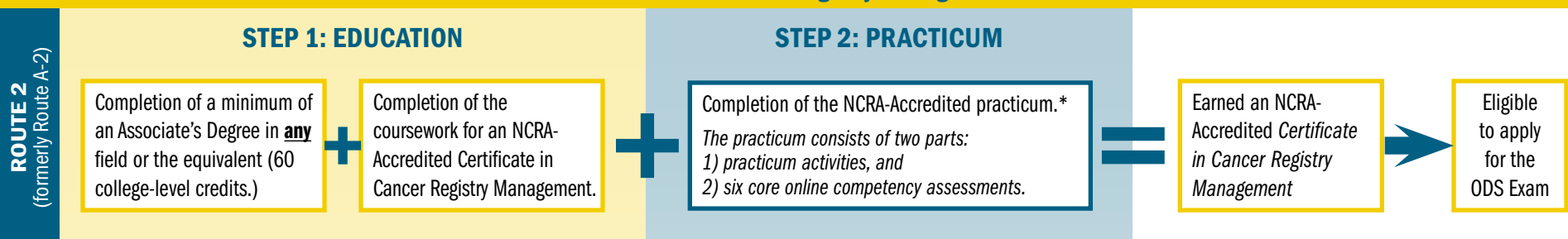
ONCOLOGY DATA SPECIALIST (ODS®) EXAM

Eligibility Routes

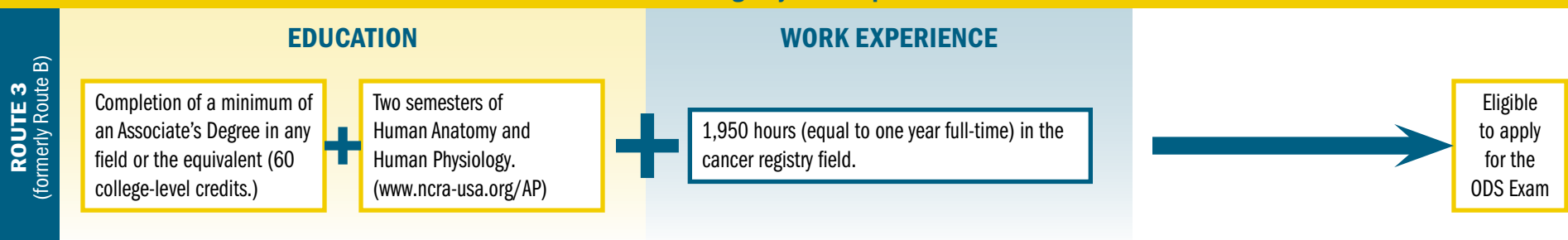
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Certificate in Cancer Registry Management



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For questions on the NCRA-accredited programs or the practicum, contact education@ncra-usa.org.

**A practicum is the final step for all NCRA-Accredited Cancer Registry Management Programs. All CRM coursework must be completed before beginning the practicum. It provides students in-person experiences and/or online activities in the technical aspects of cancer registry operations and cancer surveillance methods to complement their coursework.*



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Earn the Professional Certification for Cancer Registrars

Cancer registrars are data information specialists who collect and report cancer statistics. Cancer registrars capture a complete history, diagnosis, treatment, and health status for every cancer patient in the U.S. The Oncology Data Specialist or “ODS” is the profession’s credential name. Paths to earn the ODS credential are outlined below.

TO DETERMINE THE BEST AND MOST EFFICIENT PATH FOR YOU, START WITH THE QUESTION:

Do you have an Associate's Degree in any field or the equivalent of 60 college-level credit hours?

YES

Do you have work experience in cancer registry?
Minimum experience = 1950 hours (equivalent to one year full-time)

YES

Do your 60 college-level credits include six credits of Human Anatomy and Human Physiology?

YES

You are eligible to apply for the ODS exam via Route 3 (formerly Route B).

NO

Complete six college-level credits (grade of C or better) in Human Anatomy and Human Physiology.

Since you have met the education requirement of an Associate's Degree in any field and/or the equivalent of 60 college-level credits, but do not work in a cancer registry, the best path for you is to complete an NCRA-Accredited *Certificate in Cancer Registry Management*. This will include:

- Four HIM courses.
- Six courses in cancer registry management.
- NCRA-Accredited practicum and online competency assessments.

You are eligible to apply for the ODS exam via Route 2 (formerly Route A-2).

NO

Since you have not met the education requirement of an Associate's Degree in any field and/or the equivalent of 60 college-level credits, the best path for you is completing an NCRA-Accredited *Associate's Degree in Cancer Registry Management*. This will include, but is not limited to:

- General studies courses.
- Specialty courses in cancer registry management.
- NCRA-Accredited practicum and online competency assessments.

You are eligible to apply for the ODS exam via Route 1 (formerly Route A-1).

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