

St. Cloud State University Offers Educational Programs for the Colorado Medical Device Industry



Graduate Professional Education

Information Session

Applied Clinical Research Medical Technology Quality Regulatory Affairs & Services

May 10, 2017

5:00 – 6:30 PM MDT

The [March issue of this newsletter](#) introduced the St. Cloud State University (SCSU) MedTech Graduate Professional Educational Programs. Certificate and Master of Science Programs in Regulatory Affairs and Services (RAS), Applied Clinical Research (ACR), and Medical Technology Quality (MTQ) complement each other and are the only Graduate Programs focusing specifically on the medical device industry. Courses are taught by industry experts who bring their real-world experience into the classroom.

Our MedTech graduates are in demand in Minnesota. In March, 22 companies, representing more than two-thirds of the Minnesota's medical device employment, participated in our annual MedTech Career Fair to meet our students and graduates.

MedTech courses are convenient for the Colorado medical device industry. Colorado students can now connect synchronously and actively participate in class discussions.

Courses are held 4:00 – 8:00 PM Mountain Time on weekday evenings and 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM on Saturday mornings. Master's Programs are designed for completion in 2 – 2.5 years, Certificates in 12 – 18 months. Students have the flexibility to design programs and adjust schedules to meet their needs. [Program details are available at the MedTech website.](#)

Adobe Connect software makes it possible for Colorado students to enroll and attend all MedTech courses. We have utilized this software for over five years to meet the needs of our students who are traveling for business, relocating out of state before graduation, and enrolling from a permanently remote location. A current student and two graduates share the benefits of the MedTech Programs and their experience with Adobe Connect software in the following stories:

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Amanda J., ACR Graduate and Clinical Researcher: I was a Clinical Research Associate (CRA) in the device industry when I enrolled in the SCSU ACR Program. I knew my responsibilities as a CRA, but the ACR Program gave me the background to understand why and know available options. As a result, I can confidently present information to investigators and respond to their questions. As a CRA, I traveled constantly and there was no way I could have completed my degree without the ability to connect to classes via Adobe Connect from wherever I was. Recorded lectures were also available if I missed a class or for reference to specifics. The experiences shared by instructors who are industry professionals and other students provided benefits that a totally on-line course cannot.

Jessica S., RAS Student Who Relocated to Colorado: I had very little opportunity for professional growth in my previous career, so I started exploring new career paths knowing they may require further education. Having previous experience working in a highly regulated industry, the SCSU RAS Program and a career in Regulatory Affairs seemed like a good fit. I attended classes in person until my husband's job was relocated to Colorado. Since then, I have been using Adobe Connect which allows me to participate and interact with teachers and students during all classes like you were there in person. Also, the recorded lectures are great for reference or for a missed lecture and the staff is very flexible and will work with you to make a Master's Degree attainable for busy working adults.

Shane S., President of a Medical Device Company in Texas: In my role, regulatory decisions often came to my attention. I decided that I needed further education and started exploring regulatory master's programs on the internet. After considering about a dozen programs, I realized only one fit my needs. As a medical device executive with no interest in the pharmaceutical field, the St. Cloud State regulatory affairs program (RAS) was the only one that focused solely on medical devices. After talking with the program director, I enrolled. Attending classes remotely allowed me to see slides and actively participate in discussions. Sharing information online and using smartphone teleconferencing features made remote participation in group projects easy. Based on my experience, two of my quality assurance (QA) professionals

have earned their degrees on the medical technology quality program (MTQ). I highly recommend both of these programs to medical device professionals who want to advance their careers and to companies who want to advance the knowledge and capabilities of their staff.



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We encourage all interested individuals to register for the special remote SCSU MedTech Informational Session using Adobe Connect on Wednesday May 10, 5:00 – 6:30 PM MDT. [Click here to register.](#)

Registration confirmation will include instructions on connecting to the session. If you want to be added to the MedTech mailing list or have specific questions, please [contact Julie Nienaber](#), MedTech Program Coordinator.

Please share information on the SCSU MedTech Programs and the Informational Session with anyone who might be interested, including potential students, management, and HR. We look forward to working with the Colorado medical device industry to develop skilled professionals in Regulatory, Clinical Research, and Quality Assurance.