

## **CRA ADVISOR PROGRAM**

The CRA advisor program was developed on the ideal that current and future CRA Program candidates would benefit from the use of a personal CRA advisor. Personal contact with an CRA advisor could help candidates confront their particular concerns while in the pursuit of certification. The guidance and encouragement of an CRA advisor could be extremely valuable in alleviating the stress and confusion of the certification process.

### **WHO ARE THE ADVISORS?**

Advisors are Certified Retinal Angiographers, who have volunteered to provide personal guidance and encouragement to candidates in an informal atmosphere. CRA advisors have “first hand” experience with the certification process. They have studied, prepared for and passed the CRA examinations. Each CRA advisor is provided the latest *CRA Program Guide* for reference and must work within parameters established by the Board of Certification.

### **WHAT ADVISORS CAN DO**

The needs of candidates are varied and may be unique. The CRA Advisor Program Committee attempts to provide a CRA advisor that is compatible with and convenient to the candidate. The advisor can offer the candidate advice and direction. The candidate may only require a little friendly conversation, referral to specific reading material or access to darkroom facilities. Candidates may ask questions like the following:

Where can I get help with printing?  
Where can I find darkroom facilities?  
I have portfolio questions.  
I need help with descriptive interpretation.  
What is exam day like?

CRA advisors may have had similar questions or others like them when they were candidates. Their experience gives them an appreciation of the anxiety, frustration and stress in the certification process. With the help of a CRA advisor, candidates can maintain better focus and improve their chances of obtaining certification. Interested candidates are encouraged to contact the CRA Advisor Committee.

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