

AUDITOR SCHOOL 2027

Programme Schedule, Learning Methods and Cost Calculation

A structured 10-week blended program that takes you from quality enthusiast to confident GxP auditor through focused e-learning, live expert-led practice, and a practical final exam.

1. Programme Overview

- **Programme title:** GCP Auditor School 2027
- **Programme duration:** 5 April 2027 – 25 June 2027
- **Core training period:** 5 April 2027 – 11 June 2027 (10 weeks)
- **Final practical certification examination:** 25 June 2027
- **Delivery mode:** Blended learning (self-paced online learning, live online expert sessions, case-based assignments, asynchronous discussion and practical assessment)
- **Learning platform:** The QARP Academy
- **Live-session platform:** Zoom

The programme prepares participants for the practical responsibilities of a GCP auditor. It combines structured e-learning, expert-led live webinars, auditor-oriented case studies, peer discussion and a final practical assessment.

2. Programme Objectives

On completion of the programme, participants will be able to:

- Explain the role, responsibilities and ethical obligations of a GCP auditor.
- Apply ICH GCP E6(R3), relevant GxP principles and a quality-management approach in audit situations.
- Plan and conduct risk-based audits.
- Identify, classify and communicate audit findings and nonconformities.
- Assess CAPA proposals and prepare clear, evidence-based audit reports.
- Address selected specialised and remote-audit scenarios.

3. Programme Duration and Workload

Programme element	Timing	Format	Estimated participant workload
Pre-programme preparation	Before 5 April 2027	Self-paced e-learning, regulatory reading, quizzes and case review	Approx. 15–20 hours
Weekly pre-work	Monday–Thursday, Weeks 1–10	Self-paced modules, reading, case studies and preparatory tasks	Approx. 6–9 hours per week
Weekly live expert session	Friday, Weeks 1–10	Live online webinar, expert input, facilitated discussion and case workshop	3 hours per week
Post-session learning	Weekend, Weeks 1–10	Webinar recording, asynchronous Q&A and discussion follow-up	Approx. 0.5–1 hour per week
Final practical examination	25 June 2027	Individual online practical assessment	Up to 4 hours
Total indicative workload	5 April–25 June 2027	Blended learning	Approx. 120–145 hours

The core programme includes approximately 90 hours of structured learning: around 60 hours of self-paced study and 30 hours of live online training. The remaining workload consists of pre-programme preparation, post-session review and the final examination.

4. Pre-Programme Preparation

Period: Available before the formal programme start; recommended for completion by 5 April 2027.

Block	Content	Learning methods	Expected output
Block 1	Advanced ICH GCP E6(R3) and programme preparation roadmap	E-learning, knowledge checks and final quiz	Completed e-learning and quiz
Block 2	Curated regulatory package, analytical commentary and auditor-oriented case review	Guided reading, case analysis and quizzes	Completion of core scenarios and quizzes
Block 3	Computerized Systems Validation (CSV) and technical risk case review	E-learning and technical case study	Initial completion and preparation for programme discussions
Block 4	Essential terminology and supporting regulatory materials	Self-directed reference review	Working knowledge of key terminology and source materials

5. Detailed Weekly Schedule

Standard weekly learning pattern

- **Monday–Thursday:** 6–9 hours of self-paced online study, including e-learning modules, regulatory reading, case studies, preparatory tasks and quizzes.
- **Friday:** 3-hour live online expert session, including topic presentation, applied examples, facilitated discussion and case-based learning.
- **Weekend:** Access to the webinar recording, asynchronous Q&A and follow-up discussion.

Two live-session time slots may be offered to support regional participation:

- **Europe group:** 17:00–20:00 CET.
- **Asia-Pacific group:** 17:00–20:00 CST/IST.

Week	Dates	Friday live session	Topic	Content focus	Learning methods	Lead mentor	Hours
1	5–9 April 2027	9 April 2027	Auditor Role, Ethics & Quality Mindset	Auditor responsibilities; independence; ethics; professional conduct; quality culture and mindset	E-learning, live expert webinar, facilitated discussion and introductory case work	Ravi Shah	3
2	12–16 April 2027	16 April 2027	QMS & Regulatory Landscape	Quality-management systems; applicable regulations and guidance; inspection expectations; audit context	E-learning, regulatory reading, live webinar and case discussion	Maxim Bunimovich	3
3	19–23 April 2027	23 April 2027	ICH, Built-in Quality & GxP	ICH GCP E6(R3); quality by design; critical-to-quality factors; integration of GxP principles	E-learning, knowledge checks, live webinar and applied scenarios	Heather Armstrong	3
4	26–30 April 2027	30 April 2027	Audit Standards & Types	Audit standards; internal, supplier, investigator-site and system audits; audit scope and criteria	E-learning, comparative exercises, live expert session and case study	Maxim Bunimovich	3

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5	3–7 May 2027	7 May 2027	Audit Planning & Risk-Based Approach	Audit objectives; scope; agenda; documentation review; risk assessment; sampling and audit planning	Self-paced preparation, planning workshop, live webinar and audit-plan exercise	Satyam Kothari	3
6	10–14 May 2027	14 May 2027	Audit Execution & Communication	Opening meetings; interviewing; evidence collection; observation techniques; communication during an audit	E-learning, live demonstration, role-play and scenario-based discussion	Retha Britz	3
7	17–21 May 2027	21 May 2027	Findings, Nonconformities & CAPA	Writing findings; grading and classification; root-cause thinking; CAPA evaluation and follow-up	E-learning, finding-writing exercise, live workshop and peer discussion	Cleopatra Dimopoulos	3
8	24–28 May 2027	28 May 2027	Post-Audit & Reporting Excellence	Closing meetings; audit-report structure; clarity and evidence; follow-up and communication of outcomes	E-learning, report-review exercise, live webinar and reporting case study	Retha Britz	3
9	31 May–4 June 2027	4 June 2027	Specialized GxP Audits I	Selected specialised audit areas; technical and operational risk scenarios	E-learning, expert webinar, specialised case review and Q&A	Cleopatra Dimopoulos	3

Week	Dates	Friday live session	Topic	Content focus	Learning methods	Lead mentor	Hours
10	7–11 June 2027	11 June 2027	Specialized GxP Audits II & Remote Audits	Additional specialised audit contexts; remote-audit planning, conduct, technology and documentation	E-learning, live expert webinar, remote-audit scenario and final Q&A	Maxim Bunimovich	3

6. Final Assessment and Certification

Element	Date	Format	Duration	Assessment focus
Final practical certification examination	25 June 2027	Individual online practical assessment based on a realistic audit scenario	Up to 4 hours	Audit planning, execution elements, drafting key findings, CAPA considerations and summary reporting

To be eligible for certification, participants must complete the core e-learning modules, engage in the programme learning activities, meet the attendance or make-up requirements for live sessions, and achieve the required passing score in the final assessment.

Participants who meet all requirements will receive the **Certified GCP Auditor** certificate, with 160 CPD points. Digital certificates are planned to be issued within two weeks after the examination.

About The QARP

The QARP (Quality Assurance Research Professionals) is a specialist organization focused on auditor and QA capability building in the life sciences sector, with programs covering GxP, inspections, and quality culture.



- 10+ years in the international clinical trials market (since 2015)
- 1,400+ clinical research trainings and workshops delivered
- 2000+ GCP and GxP audits led by our core faculty
- Global experience across Europe, the US, Africa, the Middle East, and other regions

Tuition & Payment Information

- Full program fee: €2,000
- Installment plan: three payments (€500 + €750 + €750)