



CERA: the Globally-Recognised Risk Management Credential Reaches 4,000!!!



The CERA Global Association (CGA) is pleased to announce that John Plonka has become the 4,000th person to earn the prestigious CERA (Chartered Enterprise Risk Actuary/Certified Enterprise Risk Analyst) credential.

John is a member of the Society of Actuaries in the US and a Manager on the Integrated Care Partnerships team at DaVita Kidney Care, a division of DaVita Inc.

Ron Hersmis, Chairman of the CGA, is delighted to congratulate John Plonka on this significant achievement and to recognise this important step forward for global risk management. “There is a global demand for skilled enterprise risk management professionals. CERA is one of the most comprehensive and rigorous enterprise risk management qualifications available.

A CERA, because of their training and experience, can assess and manage the entire risk spectrum of an organisation including financial, operational and strategic risk. John and the other CERAs across the globe add value to enterprise risk management through their rigorous training, making them the best equipped to provide a 360^o view of an organisation’s risk profile, be it in traditional actuarial practice or wider fields.”

John said, “It is a very pleasant surprise and a true honor to be the 4,000th CERA! I am proud to be part of a growing group of actuaries recognised around the world for holding this unique credential.

“Working as an actuary in the health care field in the United States is both immensely challenging and rewarding. My interest in ERM grew at DaVita as my team began to consider sound financial structures that enable us to achieve our goal of providing integrated care to all our patients and how that goal aligns with the broader organisational strategy. The opportunity to earn the CERA credential on the path to becoming an FSA has always appealed to me. I found the additional requirements to become a CERA to be a worthwhile and frankly enjoyable challenge.

“The educational requirements to achieve the CERA credential both deepened my understanding of risk and risk management within health and group insurance and broadened my perspective across other actuarial disciplines. I found particular value in the CERA curriculum’s focus on a holistic approach to identifying, quantifying, and managing risk so as not to fall prey to the limitations of any one, siloed methodology. Moving forward, I have a more comprehensive understanding of the risks facing companies not only in my

industry but the broader economy and feel I am better equipped to assess and manage them.”

For more information about becoming a CERA or how employing a CERA can benefit your business, visit the website www.ceraglobal.org

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About the CERA credential and the CERA Global Association

The CERA Global Association (CGA) grants actuarial organisations the right to award the global CERA credential to individual actuaries who have satisfied the requisite education and training requirements. Organisations are first subject to a rigorous review of their proposed CERA program, ensuring it meets the CGA’s exacting standards. Currently organisations in Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, India, Israel, Japan, the Netherlands, Republic of China (Taiwan), South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom and the US are authorised to award the CERA credential.

The CERA qualification was initially established in the United States by the Society of Actuaries in 2009. In 2009, 14 national associations from 12 countries joined to create the global CERA credential, which addresses the growing need for highly qualified risk professionals, especially in the finance sector.

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