



BREIA L. SMITH, MSHCM

Grants and Contracts Specialist

Breia Smith, Grants and Contracts Specialist at The Water Institute, has more than seven years of experience working in research administration. After several years as a certified pharmacy technician and a licensed respiratory therapist, Breia became the compliance specialist with the LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport where she managed purchasing contracts, managed compliance training and maintained patient audits.

ORGANIZATION ROLE

Grants and Contracts
Specialist

PROJECT ROLE / FOCUS AREAS

Award project
management

Budget development

Contracts
administration

Grants administration

EDUCATION

MS, Health Care
Management,
University of New
Orleans, 2010

BS, Psychology,
University of New
Orleans, 2007

Associate of Science
Respiratory Therapy,
Our Lady of the Lake
College, 2012

Before coming to The Water Institute, Breia was the Grants Officer and Contracts/Agreements Coordinator for LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport where she drafted, negotiated, and executed scientific research agreements, grant award agreements, and subcontracts /consortium agreements with other institutions and organizations. Breia has an associate of science degree in respiratory therapy from Our Lady of the Lake College in Baton Rouge, a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of New Orleans, and a master's degree in health care management from the University of New Orleans.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2022–Present: Grants and Contracts Specialist, The Water Institute

2018–2022: Grants Officer and Contracts/Agreements Coordinator, LSU Health Sciences Center, Shreveport

2015–2018: Compliance Specialist, LSU Health Sciences Center, Shreveport

2012–2016: Respiratory Therapist, Willis Knighton Medical Center

2007–2012: Certified Pharmacy Technician, Sam's Club Pharmacy