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New CRA Certificants

We are excited to announce the newest Certified Research Administrators (CRAs). **Congratulations to all of you!** Visit our website for more information about your certification:

[Information for Newly Certified \(cra-cert.org\)](http://cra-cert.org)

[List of New CRA Certificants](#)

Research Administrator Directory

If you are certified, remember to keep your member information current to ensure you do not miss important information from RACC!

You can update your information for the directory under the My Profile page in the Certificants Only Area on the website.

If you need assistance, please contact info@cra-cert.org.

Spotlight on a Board Member: Rick Roberts, PhD, CRA, CPRA, CFRA

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Dr. Rick Roberts joined the RACC Board of Directors in 2022. Before and during his tenure on the Board, he obtained all three RACC certifications – CRA, CPRA, and CFRA! Rick is currently the Executive Director of the Grants Management Office at the Morehouse School of Medicine. Before that role, he held various positions at Morehouse School of Medicine and Emory University.

I was introduced to Rick as my “buddy” when I joined the Board of Directors in 2023 – someone to guide me through the beginning of my appointment to the

RACC Board. He is supportive, always offering words of encouragement, and very generous with his time. I caught up with Rick this month to learn more about him and his career.

Q: If you could describe yourself in one word, what would it be?

A: Versatile!

Q: When did you become a research administrator?

A: I became a Research Administrator through my very first job as a Staff Accountant in the Radiology Department at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. A portion of that job involved grant and contract reconciliations and departmental reporting in 1994.

Q: What would you say is your superpower?

A: I have three superpowers or core beliefs that guide me: 1. I always ask myself the question, “How can I do this better?” 2. I strive to be a continuous learner in a variety of topics.; 3. I always strive to create win/win environments with all people.

Q: What advice would you give to a new research administrator?

A: Don’t overlook the need for professional development continuously throughout your career.

Q: And a seasoned RA?

A: Never consider yourself a “Subject Matter Expert,” but only a working professional who happens to be a continuous learner who strives to be the best version of themselves each day for your faculty, staff, and other colleagues.

Q: What are you most excited about in the second half of 2024?

A: Becoming a better person and the opportunities that await my arrival.

You can learn more about Dr. Rick Roberts by visiting his [LinkedIn page](#).

Body of Knowledge Review Sessions

Are you planning to take a RACC exam? Consider a Body of Knowledge Review Session! The purpose of the BOK Review Sessions is to familiarize applicants with the outline of information upon which the certifications offered by the Research Administrators Certification Council (RACC) are based. A schedule of Body of Knowledge Review sessions can be found [HERE](#).

To host a review session contact [Kelley Apodaca](#), RACC Executive Director.

Ready to Recertify?

Keep track of your contact hours and supporting documentation by using the [RACC Website](#).

If you have any questions on our recertification process, please contact [Susanne MacDonald](#).

Do you still need contact hours? Check out our social media pages, linked below, for upcoming opportunities to earn more!

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You can find important information regarding recertification [HERE](#)

Contact Hour Opportunities

[Society of Research Administrators International](#)

[National Council of University of Research Administrators](#)

[Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative \(CITI Program\)](#)

[Research Administration Demonstration Series \(RAD\)](#)



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