

## FSA Training Conference

### Speaker Bio

Session(s): B09. *Title IV* Reconciliation: Achieving Peak Performance

# Allison Richards

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Allison Richards joined the U.S. Department of Education in 1997 as a Direct Loan (DL) Client Account Manager, and soon became one of the leading subject matter experts in DL program reconciliation. In 2008 she joined the newly formed Reconciliation Branch, which expanded her sphere of knowledge and influence to include other *Title IV* programs including Grants and Campus-Based Programs. She has spearheaded multiple projects for the improvement of reconciliation and program year closeout processes, including implementation and improvement of the School Account Statement for DL, Federal Pell Grants, and TEACH Grant Programs, implementation of automated closeout functionality, and additional system functionality within the Common Origination and Disbursement system.



Currently, Ms. Richards leads the School Reconciliation Branch within Funds Management/School Reconciliation Partner Division of Federal Student Aid (FSA), whose mission is to effectively and efficiently monitor schools' timely reconciliation of *Title IV* program funds, and to provide guidance on cash management and financial reconciliation requirements. This mission is what brings her to the FSA Training Conference, where she is excited to present the session *Title IV* Reconciliation: Achieving Peak Performance.