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During graduate school, Pearl began as an intern at Inland Empire Utilities Agency in the Groundwater Recharge Department performing field gauging, basin maintenance, and groundwater sampling. Later, Pearl began as a Project Resource Specialist for the WQA. Pearl's position includes recording data from various entities for reports, meeting with other water institutions to discuss superfund planning and funding for groundwater remediation projects, collecting field data for maps, tracking drinking water regulations, and managing WQA's GIS work for mapping groundwater contamination plumes and well locations.

Pearl's most recent accomplishments include being selected for a video interview and article spotlight by Cal State Fullerton's University Extension Program to discuss the GIS Certificate, qualifying through Esri to be a Community Ambassador for the Young Professionals Network, and completing Esri MOOC courses to refine her GIS skills. She is also involved in the Southern California Water Utilities Association, Association of California Water Agencies, National Groundwater Association, and Esri Young Professional's Network to continue learning about the water industry and networking.