

Dr. Nicole Esposito

Dr. Nicole Esposito is the Chief Executive Officer of Manchester Community College in Manchester, Connecticut. She holds a Doctorate in Educational Psychology, a C.A.G.S. in Adjustment Counseling, and a MS in Forensic Psychology with a focus on Forensic Neuropsychology. She is a leader in DEIA work within higher education at both the national and local level. She was the recipient of the AAWCC Mildred Bulpitt National Woman of the Year award for her courageous leadership and commitment to equity. She was also the recipient of a “Special Congressional Recognition” from Congressman John Larson for her unwavering advocacy in higher education. In 2022, she also secured state-wide commitments to improve policies and procedures that support equity and anti-discriminatory practices in higher education. The last decade of her career has included appointments, such as serving as a member of the executive team for Springfield Technical Community College, serving as an academic department head, and a long-time faculty member within the social sciences. She also has extensive experience in strategic planning, accreditation and compliance, and managing multimillion dollar budgets. A few of her notable accomplishments include creating a plan to reform general education curriculum and state-wide alignment, developing parameters for assessment, and successfully completing a 10-year college reaccreditation in 2022.

Early in her career, Dr. Esposito was a mental health clinician serving at-risk youth in local urban communities. She was a community mental health outreach clinician for a multicultural clinic located in Springfield, MA. In addition, she owned and operated a successful psychotherapy practice and consultation business serving a similar population of underserved individuals in the community.

Dr. Esposito has more than a decade of teaching experience as well. She started her career at Bay Path University in Longmeadow, MA. Since that time, she has developed and taught a variety of courses for 2-year, 4-year, and graduate school programs. She served as a full-time Professor, Academic Department Head, Assistant Dean, Co-Chair of the Women’s Caucus, faculty representative for the CSCU Transfer and Articulation Policy, elected representative for the Framework and Implementation Review Committee, elected representative of the Faculty Advisory Committee, member of Threat Assessment and Behavioral Intervention Team, and as a member of the Title IX Resource team, to name a few.

Dr. Esposito is actively involved in her community by serving on a variety of local boards and, formerly, as an elected member of the School Council in Longmeadow, MA.