

In May of 2024, Dr. Karen Hynick became the Acting Provost for Connecticut State Community College (CT State). In this role, she serves as the Chief Academic and Student Affairs Officer for the fourth largest community college granting associate degrees in the country. In this role, she has led the creation of the college's practical nursing program, strengthened the college's dual enrollment presence and policies, and launched multi-campus program review.

Prior to becoming the Acting Provost, Dr. Hynick joined CT State's Quinebaug Valley campus (at the time Quinebaug Valley Community College) as the Chief Executive Officer in 2021. During her tenure, she has led the college's crafting of its new Strategic Plan, completed its 10-year reaccreditation with NECHE, created the college's first equity audit, strengthened its partnership with Quinebaug Middle College, and secured the philanthropic building donation securing a permanent location in Willimantic. She helped Quinebaug Valley become the first Connecticut college to join the [Race, Equity and Justice Institute \(REJI\)](#).

From 2014- 2021, Dr. Hynick served as North Shore Community College's Vice President of Academic Affairs and led the college's development of its Master Academic Plan, Early College with Lynn Public Schools, and the college's role implementing the statewide consortium on My Experience Counts. She was instrumental in securing a 2-million-dollar philanthropic donation to support the Bertolon Simulation Health Center. Dr. Hynick, spent from 2005- 2014 in higher education administrative roles for the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and Minneapolis Community and Technical College.

Dr. Hynick is a native of New England and earned her Bachelor of Arts at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, her Master of Education at Worcester State University, and her Ed.D. in Educational Administration at Bethel University, St. Paul, MN.