

Dr. Mary Gutierrez



Dr. Mary Gutierrez currently serves as the Vice President of Instruction at Diablo Valley College in California. Guided by a deep commitment to student success and equity, she has served in K-12 systems, two-year colleges, and four-year institutions during her career.

In her role as Vice President of Instruction, Dr. Gutierrez has direct responsibility for providing leadership and administrative oversight to the college's instructional programs, including curriculum, academic departments, learning resources, career and technical education, distance education, and continuing education. She has led college-wide efforts to improve hiring processes aimed at increasing the college's diversity among faculty and staff. Prior to joining Diablo Valley College, she served as Dean of Language Arts at Skyline College in California and

Associate Dean of Student Learning at Cascadia College in Washington. Dr. Gutierrez was the founding director of a Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation-funded early-college at Highline College in Washington.

In 2020, Dr. Gutierrez was one of 40 leaders selected for the Aspen Rising Presidents Fellowship. This highly respected national leadership program prepares the next generation of community college presidents to transform institutions to achieve higher and more equitable levels of student success

Dr. Gutierrez earned a doctorate in Educational Leadership from San Francisco State University, where she has also served as an instructor. She holds a Master of Arts and a Bachelor of Arts in English from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. She is a proud graduate of Las Cruces High School in Las Cruces, NM.