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Inviting Applications and Nominations for

Vice President for Learning and Chief Academic Officer



West Virginia Northern Community College seeks a dynamic, forward-thinking academic administrator to serve the key leadership role of **Vice President for Learning and Chief Academic Officer**. The lead advocate for ensuring teaching and learning is the central focus of the student experience, this senior officer oversees the College's Academic Affairs divisions and fosters successful collaboration within the Academic Leadership Team. While the start date is negotiable, the selected candidate must begin duties no later than August 1, 2024.



ABOUT THE COLLEGE

In 1972, the West Virginia Board of Regents created West Virginia Northern Community College (Northern) a dual-campus community college, developed from the former Hancock County Branch and the Wheeling Campus of West Liberty State College. The College was charged with providing educational programs of two years or less duration for high school graduates and adults. Responding to local community needs, the College began offering courses in New Martinsville in 1973 and established a campus there in 1975. In 1976, Northern began offering classes in Weirton with a campus built there in 1985.

Today, as a comprehensive community college, Northern offers a wide variety of programs and courses in the arts and sciences, career-technical education, developmental studies, and community service. Under an open admissions policy, the College admits all adults desiring postsecondary education.

Northern enrolls 1,900 degree-seeking students annually plus hundreds of students seeking career training and industry credentials across its three campuses. Students are primarily from West Virginia, with 12 percent of those attending from out of state. The College has 87 full- and 17 part-time staff members and 55 full-time and 48 adjunct faculty members. Bringing both knowledge and experience to their classrooms, faculty have a strong commitment to student success.

The community college has a robust dual enrollment program with partnerships with high schools in the West Virginia Northern Panhandle. High school students recommended by their schools for early entrance also are admitted. Currently, high school students account for 36 percent of the institution's total head count.

Northern offers 71 programs including courses in applied technologies, business, career studies, computer information technology, culinary arts, education, healthcare, human services, criminal justice, and liberal arts. Workforce development is a key part of the mission and includes dozens of continuing education offerings.

Many new programs have been added in recent years, including Substance Abuse Counseling, Commercial Driver's License (CDL), EMT/Paramedic, Engineering and Pre-Engineering, Computer Aided Design and Drafting (CADD), Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), and Industrial Technology Management to name a few. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the College expanded our online learning capabilities and online course offerings. Northern continues to adapt to the needs of the times, for example, now offering our Criminal Justice Program 100 percent online. We also expanded our Petroleum Technology program to include a broader focus on Energy Technologies.

The College awards the Associate in Arts degree, Associate in Science degree, and Associate in Applied Science degree and offers nearly 20 specialized two-plus-two transfer programs with numerous four-year institutions. The College's online education courses continue to expand.

Strategic Priorities

- ▶ **INVEST IN HUMAN CAPITAL:** *Invest in recruiting, onboarding, training, and employee development, cross-training succession planning, and employee satisfaction.*
- ▶ **INVEST IN TECHNOLOGY TO INCREASE STUDENT SUCCESS:** *Invest in technology in key areas such as access, recruitment, and admission, advising, instruction, increasing student digital literacy, and improving student engagement.*
- ▶ **IMPLEMENT AN ADVISING MODEL THAT SUPPORTS AND IMPROVES STUDENT SUCCESS:** *Implement an advising model that addresses individual student needs, provides clear career pathways, and is adaptable to Early Entrance and nontraditional students.*
- ▶ **EXPAND AND IMPROVE WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN OUR REGION AND BEYOND:** *Expand and improve workforce education programs to prepare students for a regional and global labor market.*
- ▶ **EXPAND STUDENT DIVERSITY:** *Enroll a more diverse mix of students.*



OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

https://www.wvnc.edu/docs/u7_BOG_SP-21-25.pdf





THE OPPORTUNITY

Reporting to the President, the **Vice President for Learning and Chief Academic Officer** administers the Academic Affairs divisions through strategic planning, collegewide collaboration, and collegial leadership. In this role, the Vice President oversees more than 70 faculty and staff positions and leads work in student learning and success in collaboration with the Academic Leadership Team.

An advocate for inclusion, student success, and degree or program completion, the Vice President ensures that the College provides quality instruction. In addition, the Vice President provides leadership to move the College, faculty, and staff forward with policies and thought-provoking strategies that promote and achieve the College's strategic priorities. In direct support of the College mission, vision, and values, the Vice President ensures an inclusive and safe campus community and culture for all employees and students.

The Vice President's scope includes program review and assessment, accreditation and self-evaluation, assessment of student learning outcomes and advancement of student success, personnel decisions, budget development, enrollment management, fiscal accountability, program and curriculum development, and the encouragement and improvement of teaching and learning—both in-person and online.

Primary Responsibilities and Duties

- Serves as Chief Academic Officer for the College and assumes responsibility for ensuring that all programs, courses, and services support the purpose and mission of the College.
- Serves as a member of the President's Cabinet and assists the President in administrative leadership.
- Participates in the development of the strategic plan.
- Develops, implements, and administers annual operational plans in support of the strategic plan including unit goals and objectives as well as necessary policies and procedures.
- Oversees instruction of on-campus, off-campus, and distance courses including development of course schedules based on enrollment trend data and community needs.
- Oversees development of new instructional programs and discontinuation of outdated ones according to community needs.
- Oversees faculty-driven processes that assess academic effectiveness, incorporates principles and practices of curriculum development, evaluates student learning outcomes, and improves student learning.
- Requires rigorous adherence to core requirements and standards for accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission.
- Directs the state-mandated program review process.
- Oversees the design and implementation of Guided Pathways to include student retention, success, and completion strategies.
- Oversees services provided by the Academic Resource Center, Director of Assessment, and tutoring on all campuses.
- Oversees Student Accessibility Services ensuring compliance with federal and state regulations.

- Maintains an accurate program inventory and obtains all required local, state, and federal approvals.
- Guides and supports the teaching and learning process, including use of instructional technologies.
- Responds to issues and concerns according to established College policies and procedures, and recommends changes in those policies and procedures as needed over time.
- Works in partnership with the Academic Leadership Team to examine new opportunities and in solving problems related to faculty, programs, and students.
- Builds and fosters collaborative programs and initiatives such as articulation agreements, guided pathways, and partnerships.
- Oversees the statewide Board of Governors Degree and Credit for Prior Learning (CPL).
- Oversees planning, administers the budget, and prepares and submits reports for the Career and Technical Education grant activities.
- Works collaboratively with the VP for Economic and Workforce Development to develop and offer cohesive and articulated college-wide career and workforce development solutions.
- Develops and maintains a comprehensive instructional budget; practices sound stewardship of funds allocated; works collaboratively with the VP of Administrative Services to ensure accurate and sound accounting of budgets relative to the division; takes actions to ensure compliance with budget limitations and fiscal policies; and oversees the training of budget managers.
- Develops collaborative working relationships with organizational units of the College as well as with community, business, and government leaders.
- Oversees assigned standing committees and serves on the Continuous Improvement Council, Curriculum Committee, and others.
- Supports and recommends faculty and staff professional development opportunities.
- Supervises hiring of division personnel and oversees faculty evaluation, promotion, and merit processes.
- Ensures that division personnel understand and comply with institutional and West Virginia-Community and Technical College System (WVCTCS) policies and procedures.
- Serves as the College representative on state-level committees and councils for WV-HEPC and WVCTCS.
- Maintains working relationships with Faculty Assembly to support student learning and success.
- Pursues relationships for the purpose of delivering educational and training programs to meet the needs of business, industry, community groups, and other organizations.
- Supports alternative funding opportunities through effective grant development and attainment.
- Performs other duties as assigned by the President.
- Represents the College at meetings, conferences, and events, etc., as appropriate.
- Attends state, regional, and national meetings for program updates and professional development.
- Attends Board of Governor meetings and makes presentations as directed.



- Provides appropriate college leadership in the absence of the President.
- Travels regularly to all three WVNCC campuses.

Qualifications and Requirements

Education

- Master's degree in an academic discipline or higher education—**required**
- Earned doctorate degree—**strongly preferred**

Experience

- Ten years minimum of progressively responsible supervisory and management experience in higher education—**required**
- Three years of direct supervisory experience over academic areas—**required**; five or more years—**preferred**
- Working experience at a community college—**strongly preferred**
- College teaching experience—**strongly preferred**

Licenses

- Valid state-issued driver's license

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- An understanding of the changing landscape of higher education
- Commitment to and appreciation of the community college mission
- Knowledge of continuous quality improvement management principles and practices
- Ability to work effectively with a wide range of internal and external constituencies

- Experience with an online learning platform and course delivery
- Superior written and oral communication skills
- Strong decision-making skills
- Understanding of the role of technology in teaching and learning
- A vision for the evolving role of faculty in teaching and learning
- Demonstrated skills in academic planning, curriculum development, academic support programs, program management and accountability, specialized program accreditation, personnel management, and budget oversight

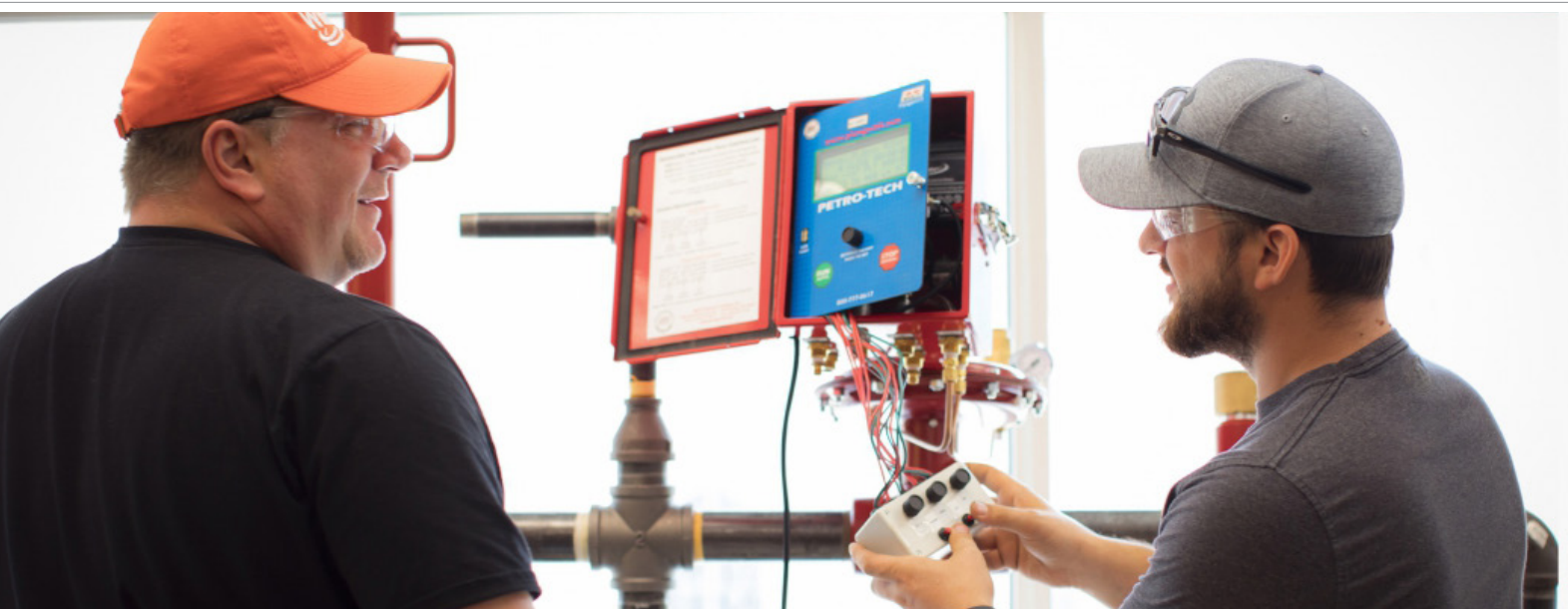
Computer Skills

- Knowledge of basic Microsoft Office applications and familiarity with Student Information Systems and Learning Management Systems

Additional Relevant Information

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- **Physical Abilities:** Talk, hear, frequently sit, operate a computer, and occasionally lift up to 10 pounds
- **Work Environment:** Typical office environment with a quiet to moderate noise level.
- **Location:** Wheeling Campus
- **Work Schedule:** Monday through Friday





Daniel Mosser, Ph.D, President

Daniel Mosser became the College's eighth president in September 2019. A Western Pennsylvania native, Dr. Mosser brought more than three decades of leadership experience in higher education and workforce training to Northern, including over 18 years as a senior executive in community colleges.

Dr. Mosser served in a similar role from 2001-2010 at Prince George's Community College (PGCC). At PGCC, he reconnected the college with the local business community by creating the Workforce Development Institutes (WDI). WDI provides businesses, government agencies, and educational institutions with a collaborative forum for action planning that addresses local economic and workforce development needs. WDI landed several six- and seven-figure government grants and corporate donations including \$1M from Gaylord Hotels to start up the Hospitality

and Tourism Institute (HTI), which included new associate degrees in Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management at PGCC.

Dr. Mosser also served previously as the VP for Education and Workforce Development at Associated Builders Contractors where he was responsible for the planning and delivery of all education, training, and safety programs offered nationally by this trade association. This included school-to-career, craft & apprenticeship training, safety & health, management & supervisory training, and executive development programs.

Dr. Mosser earned a B.S. in Technology Education from California University of Pennsylvania. He received his M.Ed. from the University of Maryland in Career and Adult Education and his Ph.D. in Industrial, Technological, and Occupational Education with a minor in Measurement and Statistics from the University of Maryland.



► **Our Mission**

West Virginia Northern is a comprehensive community college that provides affordable, quality education and training for all who wish to learn. Northern strengthens our community and empowers individuals to pursue fulfilling lives.

► **Our Vision**

West Virginia Northern Community College will be a trusted and valued community partner in life-long learning.

► **Our Values**

*Learner Focused • Diversity & Inclusion
Lifelong Learning • Teamwork & Integrity
Transparency • Excellence*



Wheeling, West Virginia

Serving all three campuses, Northern's administrative offices are in the B&O Building, originally the passenger terminal of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, in the City of Wheeling. Known as "the friendly city," Wheeling and the surrounding area have a rich heritage. The city has a population of 26,430, while the metro area has more than 147,950 residents.

Whether it's dining, shopping, or exploring, Wheeling is a treasure of one-of-a-kind experiences. The city combines a wonderful mixture of small-town characteristics and major market quality of life. Along

with a low cost of living, Wheeling boasts outstanding cultural attractions, a variety of entertainment venues, and ever-growing employment opportunities. Private and public schools are available.

The city is located on the Ohio River, between Ohio and Pennsylvania, in West Virginia's Northern Panhandle. The scenic riverfront location, proximity to mountains, festivals, parks and playgrounds, century-spanning historical sites, and award-winning events solidify the city as a great place to work, live, and play.

If seeking a more urban outing, Wheeling is less than an hour from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and two hours from Columbus, Ohio.

Application & Nomination Process

Confidential inquiries are welcomed, and nominations are invited.



Applications

1. Application packet must include the following:
 - a) A letter of interest that addresses the responsibilities and qualifications of the position
 - b) Current résumé or curriculum vitae
 - c) At least five references with full contact information including e-mails (*References will not be contacted without consent from applicant.*)
2. **Submit application packet** (preferably as PDFs) to **WVNCC-VPL@myersmcræ.com** by **April 15, 2024**, for best consideration. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Additional information will be requested upon receipt of application.

Nominations

Submit nominations to WVNCC-VPL-nominate@myersmcræ.com with complete contact and e-mail information for the individual being nominated.

Consultant

Kenny Daugherty, President of **Myers McRae Executive Search and Consulting**, is assisting Northern with this search. Request a confidential conversation at **KennyDaugherty@myersmcræ.com**.

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