

Dr. Laura Urban
Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Laura Urban will join Gateway Community and Technical College as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Gateway in the summer of 2010. Dr. Urban comes to GCTC from her position as Chief Academic Officer and Dean at Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College, a Native American tribal college where she has served since 2006. From 1997-2006, she served as Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Dean of Instructional Planning at Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College. She was the Director of Small Business Development/ Instructor of Business and Outreach Program Manager at The University of Wisconsin-Superior (1990-1997), a four year unit of the state's university system. She began her career in education as a civilian working with the Army in Germany where she served as Senior Education Services Director, Education Services Specialist and Guidance Counselor (1979-1986). Dr. Urban also worked for the City of Savannah, Georgia, as Director of Training and Employee Development from 1988 to 1990.

She holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Northland College (1976), a Master's degree in College Student Personnel Administration from Colorado State University (1979) and a Ph.D. in Education from Capella University (2006). She brings a wide array of teaching experience, including business and leadership development. She has obtained numerous certifications and is a consultant and evaluator for the Higher Learning Commission, the accreditation association in the north and central part of the country that is similar to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) that accredits GCTC.