

Cerritos College Names Dr. Mercedes Gutierrez as Vice President of Human Resources

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NORWALK, Calif. – June 30, 2022 – Cerritos College named Dr. Mercedes Gutierrez as Vice President/Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources. The Cerritos College Board of Trustees approved her contract at its regular meeting on June 8. Dr. Gutierrez assumed her role on June 22. She oversees the Human Resources Office, including employee relations.

Dr. Gutierrez comes to Cerritos College with a wealth of experience in human resources management in the public education sector. Most recently, she served as Interim Vice Chancellor of Human Resources at the Los Angeles Community College District where she was the Director of Human Resources. Prior to that, Dr. Gutierrez served as Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE)'s Coordinator of Human Resource Services for nine years.

Dr. Gutierrez earned a doctorate in educational leadership from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. She also earned two master's degrees: one in bilingual/bicultural education from Loyola Marymount University, and one in educational leadership from California State University, Los Angeles.



"I look forward to the depth of experience and knowledge that Dr. Gutierrez will bring to Human Resources and our campus community," said Cerritos College President/Superintendent Dr. Jose Fierro. "Dr. Gutierrez will be instrumental in helping the College work together to empower every individual so they may reach their full potential in support of our diverse campus community."

About Cerritos College: Cerritos College serves as a comprehensive community college for southeastern Los Angeles County. Communities within the college's district include Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, La Mirada, Norwalk, and portions of Bell Gardens, Lakewood, Long Beach, Santa Fe Springs, and South Gate. Cerritos College offers degrees and certificates in more than 180 areas of study in nine divisions. Annually, more than 1,200 students successfully complete their course of studies. Enrollment currently averages 21,000 students. Visit Cerritos College online at <http://www.cerritos.edu/>.