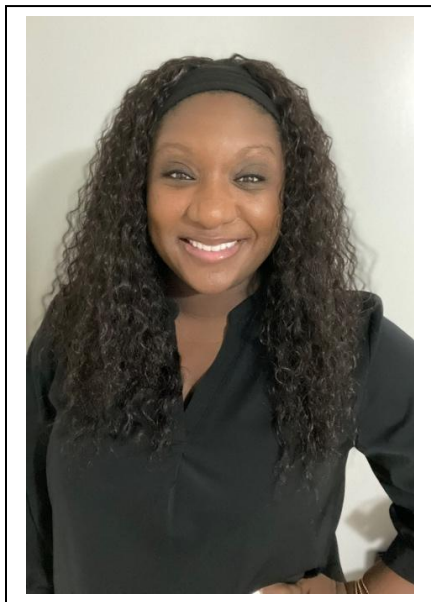


Diandra Prescod, PhD, CCSP, LPC, NCC

Candidate for President-Elect-Elect



Dr. Diandra J. Prescod is an Associate Professor and Program Coordinator of Counselor Education at the University of Connecticut. She also spent five years as an Assistant Professor of Counselor Education and Program Coordinator of Career Counseling at Pennsylvania State University. Diandra is a Certified Career Services Provider, Licensed Professional Counselor, and National Certified Counselor. She has taught career development courses for both undergraduate and graduate students including Career Planning for STEM Students, Management of University Career Services, and Career Counseling. From 2020-2023, Diandra served as NCDCA's Trustee for Higher Education Career Counselors and Specialists. In her role as trustee, Diandra created the Career Teaching Academy, which supports career professionals who teach undergraduate career planning

courses. She is currently the President Elect of the Connecticut Career Counseling and Development Association (CCCDA).

Diandra's research focuses on effective career development interventions for STEM undergraduate students and underrepresented students in higher education. She has almost 15 years of counseling experience, 95 academic presentations, numerous publications in academic journals, and \$3M in external funding. Diandra was NCDCA's 2024 Merit Award recipient.

Goal Statement:

NCDCA's vision is for all people to attain fulfilling career and life goals. My vision adds "...while honoring the constellation of roles we play that create a career." NCDCA is comprised of various career professionals from many different areas, with diverse backgrounds and perspectives. My goal is for us to move in a spirit of understanding, collaboration, and togetherness. Our constituency groups could benefit from communicating and collaborating more often so all groups can feel seen and heard in this organization. Career development has taken on a much broader and intersectional meaning since the COVID pandemic. Whether we are a part of the Higher Ed or Private Practice constituency, we are asking ourselves similar questions and have similar challenges. By coming together more often, we can have more of a unified vision, increase sense of belonging with members, and increase membership. Another goal I have is to create a more affordable and family-friendly conference experience for attendees. During times such as these, it is important to think about members enjoying the organization while keeping things more budget friendly. I am proud to be a member of this organization and would love to continue moving this great work forward.