

President Cheryl Lesser

Dr. Cheryl Lesser has served as Vice President for Academic Affairs at two community colleges. She comes to Great Bay Community College from Luzerne County Community College in Nanticoke, PA where she managed an academic enterprise that included significant focus on healthcare professions, skilled technical programs and transfer-focused programs, an array of workforce and education sectors that are also central to GBCC, and the regional and state economy in New Hampshire.

Dr. Lesser has extensive external relations experience, serving as the primary contact for local, state, and federal agencies on issues related to academic programs, and through her work with business and industry advisory committees intended to ensure alignment between program outcomes and employer needs in that region. She has led the accreditation process for Luzerne, a process that engages every facet of institutional operations and performance through a rigorous self-study and external review. Dr. Lesser has served on the Middle States Commission on Higher Education Accreditation as Evaluation Team Member and Chair.

Dr. Lesser holds a master's and bachelor's degree in Spanish and Spanish Literature from Bucknell University and St. Louis University respectively. She also holds a Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in Education Studies with a specialization in Educational Leadership in Higher Education.