

Catherine Truitt, Chancellor, Western Governors University North Carolina

Catherine serves as the Chancellor for WGU NC, a non-profit, 100% online university dedicated to changing lives through higher education.

Prior to joining WGU, Catherine served as Associate Vice President of University and P-12 Partnerships at UNC General Administration. Catherine and her team worked to strengthen our educator pipeline and support our public colleges of education through a “students first” lens committed to improving educational outcomes for all of North Carolina’s children.

From 2015 to 2016, Catherine served as Senior Education Advisor to Governor Pat McCrory. In this role Catherine coordinated policy for all facets of public education. From pre-K through the UNC system, Catherine worked to ensure all North Carolina students receive the high-quality education they need to be college and career ready in a global economy.

Between 1998 and 2012, Catherine practiced her passion for high impact teaching in varied educational settings over twelve years spanning grades 4 through 12. After teaching literature at a public high school in the Seattle area, Catherine moved to Chicago where she co-founded a K-8, parent-run, private school on Chicago’s South Side followed by four years teaching in the British school system. After returning to the States, Catherine settled in Raleigh, North Carolina where she taught American Literature to eleventh graders at West Johnston High School in Johnston County.

In 2012, Catherine joined the International Center for Leadership in Education where she served nationally as a turnaround coach in underperforming public schools.

Catherine lives in Cary with her husband Jeff, an attorney and Captain in the U.S. Navy Reserves. They have three children in Wake County public schools. She is committed to the core belief that all people have a fundamental human right to maximize their potential.

