



Isela Ocegueda, Ph.D.

Bio Summary

Isela Ocegueda, Ph.D. serves as Vice President of Instruction at Coastline College, where she leads academic programs, curriculum, and strategic planning with a strong focus on equity and institutional effectiveness.

Dr. Ocegueda started at Coastline College in 2022 and is proud to have led and contributed to some important accomplishments at the college since, including advancing enrollment growth, implementing California's first credit-bearing Direct Assessment Competency-Based Education program, supporting the development of the College's first MESA program, and championing expanded access for incarcerated students statewide.

A committed advocate for diversity, inclusion, and student success, Dr. Ocegueda has ensured impactful application of grant funding, fostered innovative faculty development, and built cross-sector partnerships that enhance educational opportunities for California's diverse community college students.

With over a decade of higher education leadership experience, Dr. Ocegueda has also served as an academic dean in the California Community College system, as well as an assistant dean who supported graduate student success at the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP). In addition to her experience as an administrator in higher education, Dr. Ocegueda taught English and Chicana/o Studies for over 15 years in both Texas and Arizona community colleges.

Dr. Ocegueda earned her bachelor's degree from Princeton University, her master's degree from Harvard University, and her doctorate from the University of California, Santa Cruz.