



Natalie Nagthall, Ed.D.

Bio Summary

Dr. Natalie V. Nagthall has been a valued member of the Coastline College community since 2023, serving as Adjunct Faculty in the Business Department, where she teaches Business and Management courses.

Before her appointment as Dean of Career Education, Dr. Nagthall served as Regional Director with the Foundation for California Community Colleges - Success Center. In that role, she led a team advancing workforce and education transformation across Southern California, supporting a 52-college portfolio and strengthening Guided Pathways implementation into integrated, career-connected systems that include dual enrollment and Credit for Prior Learning (CPL).

An emerging expert in AI, equity, and institutional policy, she researches and publishes on the ethical integration of generative AI to strengthen equitable student mobility and inform system-level policy. Dr. Nagthall is also a Coach with Achieving the Dream, guiding colleges nationwide through large-scale reforms to improve student success and labor market outcomes.

Earlier in her career, Dr. Nagthall spent nearly two decades in the private sector, holding leadership roles at Mattel, Inc. where she managed global product development for brands such as Barbie and Hot Wheels and Toyota Motor Sales, USA, where she led new model planning and applied systems design and continuous improvement strategies.

Dr. Nagthall holds an Ed.D. in Organizational Change and Leadership from the University of Southern California, an M.A. in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix, and a B.S. in Marketing and Logistics & Transportation from the University of Maryland, College Park. She is also a Certified Scrum Master and Certified Scrum Product Owner.

Outside of her professional roles, Dr. Nagthall enjoys traveling and hosting creative gatherings. She is passionate about the arts and leans into her creative side, especially through music, floral design and other everyday expressions of creativity.