



Tom Neal, Ph.D.

Bio Summary

Tom L. Neal, Ph.D., has served as the Dean of Instruction, Math, Arts, and Biological, Physical, Health, and Social Sciences since arriving at Coastline College in September 2016. In this role, he coordinates curricular planning and course scheduling, grant oversight, and oversees Coastline's Newport Beach Campus, its MESA Program, and its Art Gallery.

During his tenure at Coastline, Dr. Neal has spearheaded the addition of a human cadaver lab to the Newport Beach Campus, expansion of programming within our Art Gallery, implementation of a MESA Program, and acquisition of grants for enhancement and support of our students in STEM and Ethnic Studies. He is a student-centered administrator who works diligently in support of his faculty to strengthen their teaching in service to Coastline's students.

Prior to his arrival at Coastline, Dr. Neal was employed at the University of Wisconsin (UW) Colleges as a full-time professor in Chemistry, teaching a wide-variety of courses including General Chemistry I and II, non-majors' chemistry, Water – Integrated Studies, and Human Health and Sustainable Nutrition. At the UW Colleges, he also served in several administrative roles, including Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Department Chair of Chemistry, and the UW Colleges Engaging Students in their First-Year Coordinator. He also taught Introduction to Human Biochemistry at UW Madison during many Summer sessions.

Dr. Neal earned his bachelor's degree in Biochemistry at Penn State and his doctorate in Biomolecular Chemistry at the University of Wisconsin – Madison