



## **PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY**

**William T. Brown, Ph.D.**

Dr. William “Terry” Brown currently serves as Chief Executive Officer for Gateway Community College in New Haven, CT. He earned his B.S. in Psychology with a Minor in Secondary Education from the University of Florida in 1991. Dr. Brown then attended the University of Delaware, where he earned his Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology in 1995, and his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology in 2001.

Dr. Brown completed his clinical and professional training at the Yale School of Medicine, completing pre-doctoral fellowships at the Yale-New Haven Hospital and the Yale Psychiatric Institute (now the Yale-New Haven Psychiatric Hospital), and a post-doctoral fellowship with the Comer School Development Program and the NIMH-funded Research Training Program at the Yale Child Study Center. Upon completion of his post-doctoral training, Dr. Brown joined the psychology faculty of Norwalk Community College (CT) in 2004. He subsequently joined the Naugatuck Valley Community College (CT) administration in 2007 as the Academic Division Director of the Behavioral & Social Sciences Division, where he was well-regarded for his work with student advising, faculty development, course scheduling, accreditation, and community engagement.

Dr. Brown became the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at Housatonic Community College (CT) in 2014, where he was responsible for numerous academic and student success initiatives, including enrollment management and development of the general educational curriculum, and oversaw academic support offices, career services, distance learning, and media services. From 2017-2019, Dr. Brown served as the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs at Nashville State Community College (TN), where he charted the reorganization of the Academic Affairs unit, oversaw implementation of the college’s new tenure and promotion policies, and led the formation of the college’s Center for Excellence in Teaching. In 2019-2020, Dr. Brown served as Special Assistant to the President for Strategic Initiatives at Nashville State, where he focused on the development of college policy and operations, as well as numerous education and community and industry partnerships.

Over the course of his professional training and career, Dr. Brown has served as a research laboratory director, a part- and full-time college faculty member, an elementary school counselor, a consultant to schools, school districts and non-profit organizations regarding issues of diversity, psychological health, and academic engagement and success, an academic reviewer, and a psychotherapist. He has published peer-reviewed articles and book chapters regarding cultural and social factors that impact academic engagement (especially for African American students) and education reform.