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Dr. Catherine Burr Manages Academic Office of GWU Degree Completion Program

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Gardner-Webb University President Dr. Frank Bonner has appointed a new associate provost for Adult and Distance Education. Dr. Catherine Burr, an educator with more than 25 years of experience in organizational leadership, will direct the academic office of the GWU Degree Completion Program (DCP).



Dr. Catherine Burr

She reports directly to Dr. Ben Leslie, GWU provost and executive vice president. Her responsibilities will include assisting the University in the expansion of Charlotte-based programming. Among her other duties, Burr will collaborate with GWU deans and chairs on faculty assignments and adjunct contracts in DCP programs; serve as University liaison with community college presidents and staffs; and function as the academic officer for DCP programs.

“We are excited that Dr. Burr has joined the academic leadership team at Gardner-Webb,” Leslie affirmed. “She brings with her a wealth of experience and expertise in adult and online education that will be a huge resource to the University as we strive to add greater quality to a program that has faithfully served the Carolinas for four decades now.”

Previously, Burr worked for the University of Phoenix, where she provided leadership for the Charlotte face-to-face campus as director of Academic Affairs, a position she has also held for the Raleigh, N.C., and Richmond, Va., campuses. She has also served as an adjunct faculty member for the Apollo Group in Phoenix, Ariz., leading courses in human resource management, general management, marketing, business and leadership. Her experience also includes teaching online courses in critical thinking at Axia College, a division of the University of Phoenix.

Burr stated, “I’m delighted to be a part of the Gardner-Webb University community and my focus is on enhancing collaboration between Gardner-Webb and major stakeholders in Charlotte, Asheville, Greenville-Spartanburg, S.C., and other major markets. My goals are for enhanced recruitment with a focus on academic and program quality, particularly in the online programs.”

Burr holds a Doctor of Management in Organizational Leadership from the University of Phoenix and received her Master of Education in Educational Leadership from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. She obtained her Bachelor of Science in Business from Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich.

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