

President Patrick Cate

Patrick Cate was appointed President of Lakes Region Community College in April of 2024. Previously, he served LRCC at the Interim President for two years and, prior to that, as the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs. Cate started at LRCC in the summer of 2018, as Associate Vice President, and helped lead the college through leadership changes, accreditation actions, and the Covid-19 pandemic. The intersection of a positive culture and a strong learning environment has been and continues to be the focus of his leadership.

Patrick has over 20 years of higher education experience, starting his career as a Director of Residential Learning at Walnut Hill College in Philadelphia, PA; multiple roles and teaching assignments, including the Dean of Student Success at Plymouth State University, and the Director of Career and Academic Advising at Rivier University.

Cate holds a Bachelor of Arts in Biology from Keene State College, and a Master of Education in Counseling from Plymouth State University. His scholarly work focused on career and academic advising in higher education, and he was a featured speaker and consultant for many conferences and institutions through his work with NACADA. He is the founder of the Targeted Advising Model which helps higher education professionals assist students with career and academic decision making in an efficient manner and has authored articles and chapters of textbooks on the history of advising and advising theory.