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Dr. Ivan Harrell currently serves as the Executive Vice President (EVP) of Academic & Student Affairs at Georgia Piedmont Technical College (GPTC) in Clarkston, Georgia. In this role he works to bring a unified approach to academic and student affairs in a way that provides the greatest opportunities to have a positive impact on the success of GPTC students. As EVP he serves as the College's chief academic officer, as well as the chief student services officer, and provides leadership and direction to all academic and technical programs.



Prior to joining GPTC, Dr. Harrell served as the vice president of student success at Lone Star College Cy-Fair (TX), as well as dean of student services at Anne Arundel Community College (MD). Dr. Harrell also held leadership positions at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College (VA) and at Tallahassee Community College (FL). He has served as a lecturer and adjunct faculty at multiple institutions, including the University of Houston where he taught “Higher Education in the United States”. Prior to working in higher education, he taught high school science for DeKalb County Schools (GA).

Dr. Harrell is a published author, having written or co-written a least 8 scholarly articles and book chapters. He has also served as a presenter at numerous local, regional and national conferences and seminars.

Dr. Harrell completed his doctor of philosophy degree (Ph.D.) in Higher Education at Florida State University, where he defended his award-winning dissertation, titled, “Using Student Characteristics to Predict the Persistence of Community College Students Enrolled in Online Courses.” He holds a master’s degree (M.Ed.) in Secondary Education from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN, and a bachelor’s degree (B.A.) in Biology from Wittenberg University in Springfield, OH.