



Abridged Biography | Dr Saloschini Pillay



Dr Saloschini Pillay practices in the field of Clinical Social Work. She has an Honours degree in Social Work, Masters in Medical Science (Social Work) and a Doctorate in Public Administration and Business Management. She joined Higher Education in 1995, initially as a Student Counsellor and in 1998 she was appointed as the Head of the Wellness Centre, focussing on Counselling, Careers, Disability, HIV/AIDS and Academic Development services at the former University of Durban-Westville. Post-merger she held the role of Director: Counselling, Careers, Disability and Academic Development services for the Westville and Edgewood campuses.

She is currently the Manager: Student Support Services in the College of Health Sciences. Her areas of interest include enhancing student experience, retention and throughput at HEI's.

She serves on national, Southern African and international platforms. She is the inaugural President of the Southern African Federation for Student Affairs and Services [SAFSAS], an umbrella body that brings together the various associations within Student Affairs in higher education. She is a past President of the Southern African Association for Counselling and Development in Higher Education, and currently serves on its national executive committee.

Dr Pillay is the Chair of the Education, Training and Development Committee of the Professional Board for Social Work in South Africa as well as a member of the Universities South Africa - National Transformation Strategy Group. She is a member of the International Association of Student Affairs and Services and in this role contributed towards a chapter in the Handbook on Student Affairs and Services in Higher Education: Global Foundations, Issues and Best Practices, 3rd Edition. In 2019 she was nominated to the Global Divisional Board of NASPA, where she represents Student Affairs South Africa.
