

Natalie Schonfeld

Natalie Schonfeld has dedicated her professional life to advancing student success, equity, and access. Currently serving as the Dean of Counseling and Enrollment Services at Coastline College, Natalie oversees a comprehensive range of student-centered programs that include counseling, admissions and records, financial aid, military and contract education, and disability services.

Known for her deep commitment to improving systems and creating spaces where students see themselves, have a voice, and matter, Natalie has led initiatives to improve student retention, elevate students and their lived experiences, and enhance support for first-generation and underserved students. Natalie's work has consistently focused on removing barriers to academic achievement and creating learning environments where all students can thrive. Prior to working at Coastline College, Natalie worked at UC Irvine, CSU Chico, and Chapman University in a variety of administrative and academic roles with the academic senate, institutional research, student support services (TRIO), student life, housing, social ecology, and judicial affairs.

Natalie holds a PhD in Higher Education from Claremont Graduate University, a MA in Public Policy from CSU Chico, and a BA in French and Government from Pomona College. Natalie was raised primarily in France and Spain, currently lives in Orange County, and is the proud mother of two young adult children.