

The California Health Workforce Education and Training Council

Biography

Deena Shin McRae

Dr. Deena Shin McRae obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Pennsylvania and completed both her medical school and psychiatry residency training at UC Irvine. She trained at the Beck Institute for Cognitive Therapy and Research in 2004-2005 and was an Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) fellow in 2021-2022.

Dr. McRae is the Associate Vice President for Academic Health Sciences for the University of California (UC) Health, providing leadership, strategic direction, policy guidance and advocacy on behalf of the University of California's health sciences and clinical training system. She leads systemwide and regional initiatives that are important for advancing the University's teaching, research, and public service missions. The University of California operates the largest public health sciences instruction program in the nation, enrolling approximately 16,000 health sciences students and trainees across 20 schools on 7 campuses. Schools include medicine, nursing, pharmacy, public health, dentistry, optometry, and veterinary medicine.

From 2016 - June 2023, Dr. McRae was the Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education and Designated Institutional Official (DIO) at UC Irvine School of Medicine. She has also served as the SUC Irvine Psychiatry Residency Program Director and is the founder and former chair of the UC Irvine School of Medicine Wellness and Professionalism Committee. Dr. McRae has also served as the Associate Chief of Staff for Education/Designated Education Officer at the Tibor Rubin VA Medical Center in Long Beach, California