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Dr. Courtney H. Thornton is associate vice president for research and graduate education for the University of North Carolina (UNC) General Administration where she interprets and implements academic program planning policies for graduate degree programs. Prior to joining UNC General Administration, Dr. Thornton's work

experiences spanned K-12 education, private industry, and higher education. Her research has been published in the *Journal for Higher Education*, *Research in Higher Education*, and the *Journal of College Student Development*. She is co-editor of the October 2009 *New Directions in Higher Education* volume on community engagement and was selected to participate in the SHEEO/Lumina Academy for State Policy Leadership in October 2013.

Dr. Thornton holds bachelor's degrees in chemistry and science education from NC State University, as well as a Master's degree and doctorate in higher education administration, also from NC State University.

Dr. Thornton's community involvement includes serving as a reviewer for the North Carolina Biotechnology Center Grants program, a member of the NC Space Grant Consortium Advisory Board, and a deacon at Yates Baptist Church.

She and her husband, Todd, live in Durham with their two children.