



Richard Nelson

System President

Louisiana Community and Technical Colleges

Richard Nelson serves as System President of Louisiana Community and Technical Colleges, leading twelve colleges across the state in advancing workforce development, economic growth, and student success.

A native of Mandeville, he earned degrees in Biological Engineering and Law from Louisiana State University. Nelson previously served

seven years in the U.S. Department of State's Foreign Service, with assignments in Washington, D.C., Germany, and the Republic of Georgia. After returning to Louisiana, he worked in the private sector and was elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives, where he championed initiatives to improve early literacy and reduce public debt.

Governor Jeff Landry later appointed Nelson as Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Revenue, where he helped lead the state's historic 2024–2025 tax reforms, supporting major new investment and job creation across Louisiana.

Nelson is committed to expanding workforce pathways and economic opportunity for all Louisianans.