

Michele Cabral, a former accounting professor and interim dean of business and technology at Holyoke Community College, has been appointed the new director of training and workforce options, a workforce development partnership between

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HCC and Springfield Technical Community College.

The partnership offers customized training for



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businesses and nonprofits, needs assessments and career development programs. Cabral succeeds Jeffrey Hayden, who maintains his position as HCC's vice

president of business and community services.

Cabral will also continue in her position as director of the Massachusetts Casino Career Training Institute, the gaming school the colleges run with MGM Springfield at 95 State St. in Springfield.

Cabral holds a bachelor's degree from Westfield State University and a master's degree in business administration from Elms College. She joined the faculty of HCC in 2014 as a full-time professor of accounting.

Cabral also started a successful consulting practice as well as Care for Our Troops, a nonprofit organization serving military personnel in Western Massachusetts, and she currently serves on the board of directors for Friends of the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke. Before moving recently to Westfield, Cabral was a long-time resident of West Springfield.