



Dr. J. Fidel Turner, Jr., Dean

Brief Biography:

After a competitive national search, Dr. J. Fidel Turner, Jr., a Clark Atlanta University alumnus, was selected as the Dean of the School of Education at Clark Atlanta University in 2018. Prior to this appointment, Dr. Turner previously served as an Associate Professor and Senior Associate Dean for Academic Programs and Student Affairs in the School of Education at Howard University.

Dr. Turner has had broad experiences in the university setting as an Associate Dean, Department Chair, and Professor of Counseling and in professional practice as a Licensed Professional Counselor and National Board Certified Counselor. Additionally, he is a National Board Reviewer for the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (*CACREP*).

Dr. Turner has been a faculty member at George Washington University, and has served as an adjunct faculty associate at Johns Hopkins University and Bowie State University. Consistently recognized for teaching excellence, he has received the *Student Adlerian Society Presidential Faculty/Teaching Award* at Bowie State University, the *Outstanding Faculty Award* for teaching excellence at George Washington University-Graduate School of Education and Human Development and the School of Education *Dean's Distinguished Service Award* at Howard University.

Dr. Turner's research focuses on the needs of diverse, underserved and homeless students, counselor education and supervision, employee assistance programs (*EAP*), and academic persistence in higher education. Dr. Turner has published technical reports/guides/e-resources developed for the U.S. Congress and for government agencies. His published research articles appear in the *Journal of the National Medical Association*, *Child and Youth Care Forum* and the *Journal of Behavioral and Social Sciences*.

Outside of the academy, Dr. Turner provided service and leadership for the office of the Chief Administrative Officer with the United States House of Representatives. In this role, he was responsible for providing employee assistance counseling services and managing intervention and referral services for members of the United States Congress and Congressional Staff.

Dr. Turner earned his Bachelor's degree in Psychology (1985) and his Master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling at the University of South Carolina (1987). He earned the Ph. D. in

Counselor Education at Clark Atlanta University (1993) and completed a post-doctoral research fellowship at the National Institute of Health/National Institute of Drug Abuse in the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services.

He has participated in higher education leadership development opportunities, including the American Council on Education (ACE) Leadership Academy for Academic Department Chairs and Deans, the Dean's Leadership Development Institute provided by the Council of Academic Deans from Research Education Institutions and the Executive Leadership Summit at Hampton University, and the American Conference of Academic Deans Annual Deans' Institute, among others.

Dr. Turner serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of Behavioral and Social Sciences*, and serves on the Board of Directors for Horizons Atlanta, the Clark Atlanta University Center for Children and Families Advisory Board, the historic Atlanta Gate City Nursery Executive Board and was recently elected as the 21-22 President-Elect of the Georgia Association of Colleges for Teacher Education

Dr. Turner is the proud father of Jakobe Naieem Brady Turner and enjoys traveling, reading and spending time with family and friends.

