



## Abridged Biography | Prof Tyrone Pretorius

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Prof Tyrone Pretorius is currently the Rector and Vice-Chancellor of the University of the Western Cape. He was previously the Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) at the University of Pretoria responsible for Teaching and Learning, all faculties of the University, the Gordon Institute of Business Science, Resource Allocation and Institutional Planning.

Prior to his appointment at the University of Pretoria he was the Pro Vice-Chancellor of Monash South Africa, a campus of Monash University, Australia. Before joining Monash, he was Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) at the University of the Western Cape (UWC) and spent 10 years as Dean of Community and Health Sciences at UWC.

With a background in psychology, he holds two doctorates, one from the University of the Western Cape and one from the University of the Free State. In addition he is a past fellow of the Yale University Southern Africa Fellowship Programme and also participated in the Oxford University Leadership programme.

In respect of professional associations, Prof Pretorius is a member of the European Association for Institutional Research, the Psychological Society of South Africa and currently serves as the Statistical Editor of the South African Journal of Psychology. In addition, he is a past member of the New York Academy of Science, The American Psychological Association, the International Liaison for the Division of Counselling Psychology of the American Psychological Association and Reviewer for several International Psychology and Social Science Journals.

Post 1994, Prof Pretorius held membership in several civil society structures such as the Prisoners After-Care League, Rural Support Network and Western Cape Mental Health Advisory Group. In addition, he chaired or was active in several structures that contributed to policy development in the new South African democracy, amongst others the Ministerial Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse, the Ministerial task team on Abuse and Malpractice in Psychiatric Institutions, the Economic Advisory Group of the Premier of the Northern Cape and the Statistics Council of South Africa.

Tyrone Pretorius has published extensively in respected national and international journals in the fields of career psychology, coping, stress, statistics and research methodology. In addition he has authored/co-authored a number of books, monographs and chapters in books. In 2001 he was recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Psychology Society for his contributions to the discipline in South Africa.

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