

Susan (Autumn) Collins Bio

“Autumn” Collins started at UNM Career Services in 2007 as a career counseling intern while obtaining a master’s degree in clinical mental health counseling. She was hired full-time as a career development facilitator and progressively ascended to a senior level career counselor, before serving in her current role as the Career Counseling Manager in 2016. She holds a clinical mental health license (LPCC) in NM, oversees the clinical counseling internship program, and leads the career counseling team. Autumn holds two master’s degrees in education, (counseling and secondary education), and has earned over 60 credits toward a Ph.D. in educational psychology. Autumn has also served as adjunct faculty, having taught undergraduate students since 2009. Autumn’s career counseling work and leadership style are fueled by her devotion to UNM and UNM Student Affairs, as well as her commitment to being student-centered, strategic, and organized. Ensuring that staff are trained, supported, and mentored is of the utmost importance to Autumn’s mission of serving students in their career development. Autumn believes we are all interconnected and can help each other attain our career goals together. She thrives in supporting and working individually with each supervisee, helping them learn, perform, and thrive in their important roles within UNM Career Services.

Autumn has promoted and marketed career services across UNM campuses, the community, and statewide. She collaborates within the UNM colleges/schools, departments, community partners, and global and national employers/recruiters to effectively organize and implement career development programs that prepare students for internship and employment opportunities. Autumn sees Career Services as critical to the mission of UNM Student Affairs and ties their mission directly to the UNM 2040 strategic goals providing the bridge between students and their lifelong career goals. She is optimally primed for this exciting leadership position and possesses the curiosity and tenacity to create new opportunities for growth within the department and the division.

Autumn was raised in Chicago and spent the past 20 years calling Albuquerque home where she and her wife currently raise their 5-year-old daughter. Before UNM, Autumn had a multi-faceted career background in customer service, sales, reality television producing, and teaching middle school social studies.