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Quick Facts

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- Patricia Graham, former dean of the Richard W. Riley College of Education and, most recently, a member of Winthrop's SACS Reaffirmation Team, will serve as interim dean of the Graduate School for several months as the university considers new directions.

*Yvonne Murnane*

ROCK HILL, S.C. - **Yvonne Murnane**, dean of the [Winthrop University Graduate School](#), announced that she will retire at the end of June 2012.

Murnane has served as dean since 2008, when she came to Winthrop from SUNY-Cortland where she served as director of graduate studies. "I want to thank Dr. Murnane for her work with the Graduate School and with Summer Session," said **Debra Boyd**, acting vice president for academic affairs. "She has brought attention to the Graduate School and summer terms through a variety of marketing efforts."

*Patricia Graham*

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"Because of the rapidly changing nature of graduate programs and of program delivery, we need to assess the effectiveness of the Graduate School and its readiness to serve multiple populations through a variety of platforms," said **Boyd**. "Dr. Graham has expertise in assessment and evaluation that will be a great asset in the coming months as faculty, staff, and administrators examine the Graduate School and innovative approaches to graduate education."

Winthrop's Graduate School provides advanced study in a variety of academic disciplines and professional fields and offers 25 graduate degrees and 40 programs of study through academic concentrations and options.

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