

About Dr. Gaynor Watson-Creed:

Dr. Gaynor Watson-Creed is the Associate Dean of Serving and Engaging Society for Dalhousie University's Faculty of Medicine, and Chair of the Board of Engage Nova Scotia. She is a public health specialist physician with 18 years' experience, having served as the former Medical Officer of Health for the Halifax area and Deputy Chief Medical Officer of Health for Nova Scotia.

Dr. Watson-Creed is from PEI and received chemistry degrees from UPEI and University of Guelph before attending Dalhousie University for her MD in 1995. From there, she attended McMaster University where she received board certifications in family medicine in 2001 and in Public Health and Preventive Medicine in 2005. She sits as chair or member of several population health councils and boards nationally, including the Board of Community Food Centres of Canada. She is co-chair of the Advisory Council to the National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health and a former member of the CIHI Advisory Council on Population Health. She currently sits on the advisory board to the Institute of Population and Public Health at CIHR. Dr. Watson-Creed sat on the One Nova Scotia Coalition, and received the William Grigor award for achievement in medicine from Doctors Nova Scotia in 2017. In 2018 she was awarded the President's award from Public Health Physicians of Canada for her advocacy regarding public health systems and services in Canada. In 2019 she was named one of the Top 100 Most Powerful Women in Canada by the Women's Executive Network in recognition of the direction and support she has provided to so many initiatives.

Dr. Watson-Creed was named to the federal Task Force on Women in the Economy, which completed its work in 2021. She was awarded the title Doctor of Science, honoris causa, by Acadia University in 2021 in recognition of her many contributions to Nova Scotia and to Canada over her career, and also received an honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Prince Edward Island in 2023.