

Dr. Ray Block, PhD, CPA, CGA
President and CEO, NAIT

Dr. Ray Block, PhD, CPA, CGA, was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) in December 2019.

Dr. Block is a proud NAIT alum and has been a member of NAIT's Executive Team since 2011. In his previous role as NAIT's Vice-President Administration and Chief Financial Officer, he oversaw Information and Technology Services, Finance and Corporate Services, Facilities Management and Development, Human Resources, and General Counsel Services.

Dr. Block brings more than two decades of leadership and management experience in a variety of sectors in Alberta, including post-secondary education, health care and financial services. Prior to joining NAIT, Dr. Block served as Vice-President Finance and Administration at Athabasca University. He previously held senior positions with the University of Alberta (Augustana Campus), Alberta Mental Health Board, and other public and private sector organizations.

As President and CEO of the Alberta Mental Health Board, Dr. Block co-chaired the implementation of a province-wide mental health plan, supported the creation of the Mental Health Commission of Canada and was responsible for the creation of Mental Health First Aid Canada – a program that provides early mental health treatment.

Dr. Block has served on several boards including Alberta Health Services, Pan Global Training Systems, University of Alberta Pension Plan, and the Canadian Mental Health Association (Alberta Division).

Dr. Block holds a PhD in Public Health Sciences, a Master of Agriculture in Economics and a Bachelor of Commerce all from the University of Alberta. In addition, he has published articles in the Canadian Journal of Psychiatry, the Health Care Management Forum and Psychiatry Services from the United States. He is also a Chartered Professional Accountant.

Dr. Block is the recipient of the Alberta Centennial Medal from the Government of Alberta for his contributions to Alberta's health care system.