



**2019 NSEE Diversity & Inclusion
Scholarship Winner**



**Jennifer Erilus
Bristol Community College**

Jennifer Erilus is a graduate of Rhode Island College, having earned a bachelor's degree in Psychology. Upon completion of her program, she went on to pursue a master's degree in Psychology at California Southern University. From 2011-2016, Jennifer worked with the K-12 population in various capacities in Rhode Island and California in the areas of vocational exploration, collage access, and social and personal development.

She was drawn to work in a public institution of higher education, and so, in 2016, Jennifer joined Bristol Community College. She began as the Pathways Navigator, serving a caseload of incoming students to the College and aiding them with navigating the complexities of the institution. She then moved into the role of Diversity Nursing Scholars & Experiential Learning Coordinator, where she gained a better understanding of some of the barriers for students, particularly of color, who aspire to be healthcare professionals. Additionally, this role shed light on the importance of high-impact practices such as internships and service-learning. In April 2019, Jennifer assumed the role of Coordinator for the Cooperative Education & Internship Program. In this role, she is looking to not only grow the program, but to also be intentional about recruitment and support for underrepresented populations at the College.