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Prior to this position, Cardenas-Ramirez headed the Office of Minorities in Higher Education at the American Council on Education (ACE). Her service at ACE came during a time of intense activity and controversy over issues related to racial diversity and educational opportunity. In 1989 and 1991, the Office of Minorities coordinated major national conferences aimed at increasing minority participation and success in higher education. Under her directorship, the office provided consultation to hundreds of colleges and universities on minority concerns and became a locus of information on minority higher education programs around the country. In recognition of her accomplishments in education and civil rights, former President Carlos Salinas de Gortari of Mexico bestowed on her the highest honor ever received by a non-citizen of his country.

Cardenas-Ramirez earned her Doctorate in Education Administration from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. After receiving this degree in 1974, she was selected as a Rockefeller Fellow assigned to Senator Walter F. Mondale's staff.