

# AT A GLANCE

NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE // 2024 - 2025



**North Central College  
Mission Statement:**  
We are a diverse  
community of learners  
dedicated to preparing  
students to be curious,  
engaged, ethical, and  
purposeful citizens  
and leaders in local,  
national and global  
contexts.



**NORTH CENTRAL  
COLLEGE 1861**







## A Close-knit Community Offering Outsized Opportunity

Founded in 1861, North Central College is a nationally ranked institution located 28 miles west of Chicago, in the heart of a tree-lined historic district and just steps from downtown Naperville, the fourth largest city in Illinois.

Offering a dynamic academic experience with a strong liberal arts core, North Central is a place that fosters curiosity, nurtures relationships, challenges ideas and assumptions, values service to others, and encourages discovery of passion and purpose alongside preparation for a future profession.

### Areas of distinction include:

- ABET-accredited undergraduate programs in computer, electrical and mechanical engineering.
- Robust undergraduate research opportunities, providing hands-on experience and guidance from faculty mentors on prestigious federally funded projects.
- The Center for Financial Literacy, which helps students – regardless of major – understand how to manage their personal finances.
- A suite of graduate-level advanced clinical practice programs that prepare students to enter the healthcare workforce.

▶ During Opening Convocation 2024, Dr. Abiodún Gòkè-Pariolá, president of North Central College, welcomed new students to the Cardinal community.



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### RANKINGS

- Named among U.S. News & World Report's **"Best Colleges"** for 30 years in a row:
  - » Regional Universities (Midwest) **#19**
  - » Best Value - Regional Universities (Midwest) **#28**
  - » Best Colleges for Veterans - Regional Universities (Midwest) **#7**
  - » Social Mobility - Regional Universities (Midwest) **#48**
- Princeton Review
  - » **"2025 Best Regional Colleges: Best in the Midwest"**
- **"The Best Colleges in America"** by Money.com, 2024
- Phi Theta Kappa's **Transfer Honor Roll**, 2024
- **Naperville Population:** 149,540 (2020 Census) - 4th largest city in IL
  - » #1 **"Best City to Live in America"** (Niche.com, 2024)
  - » #1 **"Safest City in America"** (MoneyGeek, 2022 and 2023)
  - » #1 **"Best City to Raise a Family in America"** (Niche.com, 2024)
  - » #1 **"Cities with the Best Public Schools in America"** (Niche.com, 2024)



## STUDENT POPULATION\*

**3,003** total students  
**2,454** undergraduate  
**549** graduate



first-generation college students



student-athletes



underrepresented minority students

*\*Reflects undergraduate population unless otherwise noted.*

## FACULTY & STAFF

**288** full-time staff

**185**

full-time faculty



tenure-track faculty hold Ph.D. or terminal degree in their field



of undergraduate courses taught by full-time faculty

**12:1** student-faculty ratio

**0** teaching assistants

**19.4** average class size

## TUITION & FEES

### 2024-2025 Academic Year

\$45,446 . . . . . Tuition (annual, full-time)  
 \$14,688 . . . . . Housing and Food  
 \$280 . . . . . Student Fees

\$24,500 minimum annual academic merit scholarship

100% of students receive some form of financial aid

61% average discount rate after scholarships and grants

## CLASS OF 2024 PROFILE

### 711 Degree Recipients

- 560 bachelor's degree recipients
- 151 master's degree recipients

## ENGAGED ALUMNI

### 28,500+

Alumni who are highly engaged in their communities, professions and as lifelong Cardinals

### 18,000+

of our alumni choose to make Naperville and the surrounding area their home

## ACADEMICS

- 3 academic schools / colleges:
  - » College of Arts & Sciences
  - » School of Business & Entrepreneurship
  - » School of Education & Health Sciences
- 90+ undergraduate majors
- 67 undergraduate minors
- 2 undergraduate concentrations
- 10 interdisciplinary programs
- 25 graduate degree programs
- 9 graduate certificates/endorsement programs

### UNDERGRADUATE (Bachelor's Degree)

Accounting  
Actuarial Science  
Animation\*  
Anthropology  
Applied  
Communication\*  
Applied Health Sciences\*\*  
Applied Mathematics  
Art Education  
Art History  
Biochemistry  
Biology  
Biology Education  
Chemistry  
Applied Chemistry  
Chemistry, ACS-Certified  
Chemistry Education  
Chicago Area Studies\*  
Chinese  
Classical Studies\*  
Communication Studies  
Community Health Promotion\*  
Computer Science  
Conflict Resolution\*  
Criminology

Dance\*  
Design  
Diagnostic Medical Sonography  
East Asian Studies  
Economics  
Economics, Business  
Education Studies, Elementary  
Education Studies, Secondary  
Elementary Education  
Secondary Education  
Engineering, Computer  
Engineering, Electrical  
Engineering, Mechanical  
Engineering Physics (dual degree)  
English Education  
English, Literature  
English, Writing  
English, Language Arts and Linguistics\*  
English, Professional and Technical Writing\*  
English Language Learner\*  
Entrepreneurship  
Environmental Business

Environmental Science  
Environmental Science Education  
Environmental Studies  
Ethical Leadership  
Ethics\*  
Exercise Science  
Film and Screen Studies\*  
Finance  
French\*  
Gender and Sexuality Studies\*  
German\*  
German Studies  
Global Studies  
Graphic Design  
Health Science  
History  
History of Ideas\*  
Human Resource Management  
Humanities (Shimer Great Books)  
Industrial/Organizational Psychology\*  
Interactive Media Studies  
Interdisciplinary Science  
International Business  
Japanese  
Jazz\*  
Jazz Studies  
Journalism and Media Communication  
Liberal Studies (Shimer Great Books)  
Management  
Marketing  
Mathematics  
Music  
Music Composition  
Music Education (Choral or Instrumental)  
Music Performance (Instrumental, Piano, or Vocal)  
Musical Theatre

Natural Sciences (Shimer Great Books)  
Neuroscience, Behavioral  
Neuroscience, Molecular  
Nuclear Medicine  
Technology  
Nutrition\*  
Nutrition Science†  
Organizational Communication  
Philosophy  
Physics Education  
Physics, Interdisciplinary  
Physics, Professional  
Political Science  
Professional Spanish\*  
Psychology  
Public Relations\*  
Race and Ethnic Studies\*  
Radiation Therapy  
Religious Studies  
Shimer Great Books\*  
Social  
Entrepreneurship  
Social Sciences (Shimer Great Books)  
Social Science/History  
Social Innovation\*  
Sociology  
Spanish  
Special Education  
Sport Management (Digital Marketing or General Business)  
Strength and Conditioning\*  
Studio Art  
Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)\*  
Theatre (Acting, Directing and Dramaturgy, or Theatrical Design and Technology)

### UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE PATHWAY PROGRAMS††

Occupational Therapy (BS/MOT)  
Physical Therapy (BS/DPT)  
Physician Assistant (BS/MPAS)

### INTEGRATED FIVE-YEAR PROGRAMS

Exercise Science (BS/MAT)  
Health Science (BS/MAT)

### GRADUATE

Master of Arts in Higher Education Leadership  
Master of Arts in Liberal Studies  
Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership  
Master of Arts in Professional and Creative Writing  
Master of Arts in Sport Leadership  
Master of Arts in Teaching  
Master of Arts in Trauma-Informed Practice  
Master of Athletic Training  
Master of Business Administration (Financial Management, Human Resource Management, International Business)  
Master of Education in Educational Leadership  
Master of Occupational Therapy†††

Master of Science in Nursing†††† (Executive Leadership, Nurse Educator, Family Nurse Practitioner, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner)  
Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies†††††  
Master of Science Nursing Executive Leader and MBA (dual degree)  
Doctor of Physical Therapy††††††  
Occupational Therapy Doctorate†††††††  
Post-Professional Occupational Therapy Doctorate†††††††

### GRADUATE LEVEL CERTIFICATES

Creative Writing  
Financial Management  
Human Resource Management  
Medical and Regulatory Writing  
Trauma-Informed Educational Practices for Children and Adolescents  
Post-Graduate Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (Family Nurse Practitioner or Mental Health Nurse Practitioner)

### GRADUATE LEVEL ENDORSEMENTS

Director of Special Education  
Endorsement Learning Behavior Specialist  
Endorsement

\*Minor only

\*\*The North Central College Applied Health Sciences major offers students, who have previously completed an Associate in Science (A.S.) or an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree and have a certification within their respective healthcare field, an opportunity for advancement by providing a pathway to earn a bachelor's degree.

† The Bachelor of Science in Nutrition Science is a Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) and has been granted Candidacy Status for Accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) effective 5.10.2021. The program is awaiting their decision on full accreditation status, expected in Spring 2025. Program Directory ([eatrightpro.org](http://eatrightpro.org)). Please email Dr. Kim Milano, Program Director for further information [komilano@noctrl.edu](mailto:komilano@noctrl.edu) or visit <https://www.northcentralcollege.edu/program/nutrition-science>

†† Undergraduate programs with pathways to graduate degrees. Space is limited, competitive and requires a separate application into graduate program.

††† The entry-level occupational therapy master's degree program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 7501 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 510E Bethesda, MD 20814. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its Web address is [www.aacoteonline.org](http://www.aacoteonline.org). Graduates of the program will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapist administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be an Occupational Therapist, Registered (OTR). In addition, all states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure. Level II fieldwork must be completed within 24 months of completing of the on-campus academic program.

†††† The North Central College MSN program is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission ([www.hlcommission.org](http://www.hlcommission.org)), an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. The master's degree in nursing and post-graduate APRN certificate program at North Central College is pursuing initial accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education ([www.ccnaccreditation.org](http://www.ccnaccreditation.org)). Applying for accreditation does not guarantee that accreditation will be granted.

††††† The ARC-PA has granted Accreditation-Provisional status to the North Central College Master of Physician Assistant Studies Program sponsored by North Central College. Accreditation-

Provisional is an accreditation status granted when the plans and resource allocation, if fully implemented as planned, of a proposed program that has not yet enrolled students appear to demonstrate the program's ability to meet the ARC-PA Standards or when a program holding Accreditation-Provisional status appears to demonstrate continued progress in complying with the Standards as it prepares for the graduation of the first class (cohort) of students. Accreditation-Provisional does not ensure any subsequent accreditation status. It is limited to no more than five years from matriculation of the first class. The program's accreditation history can be viewed on the ARC-PA website at [arc-pa.org/accreditation-history-north-central-college/](http://arc-pa.org/accreditation-history-north-central-college/).

††††† Effective October 25, 2022, North Central College has been granted Candidate for Accreditation status by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; phone: 703-706-3245; email: [accreditation@apta.org](mailto:accreditation@apta.org)). If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call 630-637-5835 or email [sscholtes@noctrl.edu](mailto:sscholtes@noctrl.edu). Candidate for Accreditation is an accreditation status of affiliation with the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education that indicates the program may matriculate students in technical/professional courses. Achievement of Candidate for Accreditation status does not assure that the program will be granted Initial Accreditation.

††††††† The entry-level occupational therapy doctoral degree program has applied for accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 7501 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 510E, Bethesda, MD 20814. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its web address is [www.aacoteonline.org](http://www.aacoteonline.org). The program must be granted Candidacy Status, have a preaccreditation review, complete an on-site evaluation, and be granted Accreditation Status before its graduates will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapist administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be an Occupational Therapist, Registered (OTR). In addition, all states require licensure to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure. Students must complete 24 weeks of Level II fieldwork and an individual 14-week capstone experience within 30 months following the completion of the didactic portion of the program. The doctoral capstone experience must be started after completion of all coursework, Level II fieldwork and preparatory activities.





◀ The Bloomberg Finance Lab is where students in the School of Business and Entrepreneurship gain hands-on experience using industry-leading technology to analyze data and market trends, and where they can become certified on Bloomberg's unique proprietary software.

North Central is a destination for STEM education. The Dr. Myron Wentz Science Center is one of the premier comprehensive science centers in the Midwest, with four levels of advanced laboratory spaces, modern classrooms and more – where students learn and work alongside faculty conducting cutting-edge scientific research.

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▶ North Central's national award-winning Cardinal First program spans from orientation through Commencement and focuses on the new perspectives and positive contributions first-generation students bring to campus.

North Central is at the forefront of health science education. Inside the Dr. Myron Wentz Center for Health Sciences and Engineering, students have access to state-of-the-art technologies, including a skills lab with Anatomage tables that enable 3D virtual dissection and anatomy visualization.

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◀ North Central is affiliated with the United Methodist Church. Students from different faith traditions unite as a campus community, with mutual respect producing vibrant discussion and collective action.





## BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



**100+**  
student  
organizations  
and activities

**35** study abroad  
programs  
**20+** countries



## NATIONALLY RANKED NCAA DIVISION III ATHLETICS PROGRAMS

**26**  
intercollegiate sports teams

**13** men's programs

**13** women's programs\*

*\*Women's wrestling and triathlon are not NCAA athletics programs.*

**44**  
athletic team national  
championships

**153** individual and relay national  
championships

**252** CCIW conference championships



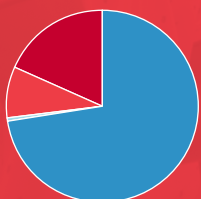
◀ Wentz Concert Hall and Fine Arts Center is a world-class facility for developing and showcasing the talents of North Central fine and performing arts students. The College's commitment to the arts extends across campus and the broader community.

## BEYOND NORTH CENTRAL

### CLASS OF 2023 POST-GRADUATION OUTCOMES\*

**21%**  
of graduates continued  
their education soon  
after graduation

Graduates continued  
their education at  
**42**  
unique institutions



#### Employment

- Full-Time Employment (72.6%)
- Military Service (0.5%)
- Part-Time Employment (8.6%)
- Seeking Employment (18.3%)

*\*Survey respondents - baccalaureate degree graduates*

## ACCREDITATION

North Central College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). As an Open Pathway institution, North Central successfully completed its Year 4 Assurance Review in February 2024. The next reaffirmation review is scheduled for the 2029-2030 academic year.

*Note: Data used in At a Glance is from the Fall (September) 2024 census*



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