



NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE
Character Education
Certificate

Course Facilitator



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Dr. Michael Hylan currently serves as the Coordinator of Doctoral Studies and graduate school Faculty at Southern Wesleyan University. Before joining the SWU faculty, Dr. Hylan served as a professor in the graduate schools at Louisiana State University and Asbury University in Kentucky. In addition to serving as a professor, Dr. Hylan served in a number of leadership roles at each institution, including department chair and interim dean. He has published research on social emotional learning, servant leadership and teacher preparation.

Prior to joining the higher education ranks, he enjoyed a 25-year career as a public and private school educator. His experiences on the k-12 level including serving in urban, rural and suburban settings. His most extensive work was as an alternative high school principal for students who struggled not only academically, but also emotionally and behaviorally. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Missouri – St. Louis with a specific emphasis on At-Risk Students and Social-Emotional Learning.

Upon reviewing North Central's initial launch of the Character Education Certificate in December 2020, he stated, "I feel I greatly gained in my understanding of character education through this course. Some material I had never encountered in my years in this field, even though I have a PhD in character education and talk about it in my courses I teach at the university level. Dr. Nagashima is well versed in this material and an excellent instructor for this content."

Two specific modules to note:

- 1) Virtue Ethics and Ethical Decision Making, exposes how the term ethics has evolved over time and may take on differing meanings to each individual while reminding us of the fine difference between "virtue ethics" and "ethics."
- 2) Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is a reminder that these constructs are not a separate entity from character education and ethics, but are embedded in the very nature of any initiatives.