

# AT A GLANCE

NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE // 2023 - 2024



## 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





## Rooted in the Past Focused on the Future

When our doors opened in 1861, they opened wider than at most institutions during that time. Women were admitted, as well as men, though it was unusual for women to attend college at that time, much less for college to be coeducational. Our first president, A.A. Smith, talked about moral courage — and as an ardent abolitionist, he led by example.

Today, North Central College is a diverse community of learners who are curious, engaged and purpose driven. They want to build a better tomorrow, and they are eager to actively shape that future for themselves, their communities, and the world. At North Central, students gain knowledge, form relationships, and develop skills that make them stand out after graduation — and for a lifetime.

▶ Dr. Anita Thomas became the 11th president of North Central College on July 1, 2023. She is the first woman and the first person of color to lead the College as president.



North Central's 69.4 acre campus is an accredited arboretum — one of many ways the College upholds a strong commitment to sustainability.

### COLLEGE ACCOLADES

- Named among U.S. News & World Report's **"Best Colleges"** for 29 years in a row
  - » 2023 Regional Universities Midwest:
    - ◇ Best Regional Universities, No. 24
    - ◇ Most Innovative Schools, No. 11
    - ◇ Best Undergraduate Teaching, No. 6
    - ◇ Best Value Schools, No. 33
- Princeton Review's 2024 **"Best Midwestern Colleges"**
- **"America's Best Colleges"** by Money magazine, 2023
- **"Best Colleges in America"** by The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education, 2022
  - Forbes' **"America's Top Colleges,"** 2022
  - Phi Theta Kappa's Transfer Honor Roll, 2023



## STUDENT POPULATION

**2,856** total students  
**2,397** undergraduate  
**459** graduate



## FACULTY & STAFF

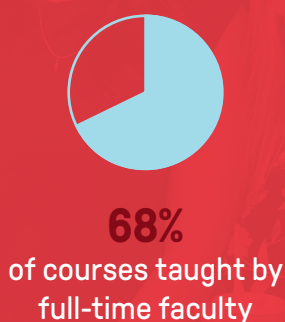
**288** full-time staff

**177** full-time faculty

**87** tenured faculty  
**30** tenure-track faculty

**100%**  
tenure-track faculty hold Ph.D. or terminal degree in their field

**12:1** student-faculty ratio



**0** teaching assistants

**19.2** average class size

## TUITION & FEES

### 2023-2024 Academic Year

\$44,114 ..... Tuition  
 \$14,444 ..... Housing & Food  
 \$280 ..... 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 2023 PROFILE

### 709 Degree Recipients

- 583 bachelor's degree recipients
- 126 master's degree recipients

## ENGAGED ALUMNI

**35,000+**

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
- 65 undergraduate minors

- 2 undergraduate concentrations
- 10 interdisciplinary programs
- 21 graduate degree programs
- 8 graduate certificates
- 35 education-abroad programs in 20+ different countries

### UNDERGRADUATE (Bachelor's Degree)

Accounting  
Actuarial Science  
Animation\*  
Anthropology  
Applied Communication\*  
Applied Health Sciences\*\*  
Applied Mathematics  
Art Education  
Art History  
Athletic Training†  
Biochemistry  
Biology  
Biology Education  
Business Economics  
Business Management  
Chemistry  
Chemistry Education  
Chicago Area Studies\*  
Chinese  
Classical Studies\*  
Communication Studies  
Community Health Promotion\*  
Computer Science  
Conflict Resolution\*  
Criminology  
Dance\*  
Dentistry (Pre)  
Design  
Diagnostic Medical Sonography  
East Asian Studies  
Economics  
Education Studies  
Elementary Education  
Engineering (Computer)  
Engineering Physics (dual-degree)  
Engineering (Electrical)  
Engineering (Mechanical)  
English: Literature  
English: Writing  
English Education  
English Language Learner\*  
Entrepreneurship  
Environmental Science  
Environmental Studies  
Environmental Studies Education  
Ethical Leadership  
Ethics\*  
Exercise Science  
Film and Screen Studies\*  
Finance  
French  
French and Francophone Studies  
Gender and Sexuality Studies\*  
German  
German Studies  
Global Studies  
Graphic Design  
Health Science  
History  
History of Ideas\*  
Human Resource Management  
Industrial/Organizational Psychology\*  
Interactive Media Studies  
Interdisciplinary Science  
International Business  
Japanese  
Jazz Studies  
Journalism and Media Communication  
Law (Pre)  
Marketing  
Mathematics  
Medicine (Pre)  
Middle Eastern and North African Studies (MENA)\*  
Music  
Music Composition  
Music Education  
Music Performance  
Musical Theatre  
Neuroscience  
Nuclear Medicine Technology  
Nursing (Pre)  
Nutrition Science

Occupational Therapy†  
Optometry (Pre)  
Organizational Communication  
Pharmacy (Pre)  
Philosophy  
Physical Therapy†  
Physician Assistant†  
Physics  
Physics Education  
Podiatry (Pre)  
Political Science  
Professional Spanish\*  
Psychology  
Public Relations\*  
Radiation Therapy  
Religious Studies  
Secondary Education  
Social Entrepreneurship  
Social Innovation\*  
Social Science and History  
Sociology  
Spanish  
Special Education  
Sport Management  
Studio Art  
Strength and Conditioning\*  
TESOL (Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages)\*  
Theatre  
Theatrical Design and Technology  
Veterinary Medicine (Pre)

### SHIMER GREAT BOOKS SCHOOL

Shimer Great Books School, Humanities  
Shimer Great Books School, Liberal Studies  
Shimer Great Books School, Natural Sciences  
Shimer Great Books School, Social Sciences

### UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE PATHWAY PROGRAMS†

Athletic Training (BS/MAT)  
Occupational Therapy (BS/MOT)  
Physical Therapy (BS/DPT)  
Physician's Assistant (BS/MPAS)

### GRADUATE (Master's Degree)

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 Sports Leadership  
Master of Arts in Trauma-Informed Practice  
Master of Athletic Training  
Master of Business Administration - three specializations  
Master of Education in Educational Leadership  
Master of Occupational Therapy  
Master of Science in Nursing†† - four tracks  
Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies†††

### GRADUATE (Doctoral Degree)

Doctor of Physical Therapy††††  
Occupational Therapy Doctorate†††††  
Post-Professional Occupational Therapy Doctorate†††††

\*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.

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

†† 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. 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 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 <http://www.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 [sschaltes@noctrl.edu](mailto:sschaltes@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 and has been granted Candidacy Status by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its web address is [www.acoteonline.org](http://www.acoteonline.org). The program must 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 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.

Students must complete 24 weeks of Level II fieldwork as well as an individual 14-week capstone experience within 24 months following the completion of the didactic portion of the program. The doctoral capstone experience must be started after completion of all coursework and Level II fieldwork as well as completion of preparatory activities defined in 2018 ACOTE OTD Standard D.1.3.





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

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.



North Central's nationally 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.

The state-of-the art Dr. Myron Wentz Center for Health Sciences and Engineering is home to North Central's growing suite of undergraduate and graduate offerings in the health sciences, as well as to our ABET-accredited undergraduate engineering programs.



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





## BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

- 100+ student organizations and activities
- Nationally ranked NCAA Division III athletics programs
  - » 26 intercollegiate sports teams
    - ◇ 13 men's programs
    - ◇ 13 women's programs\*
  - » 44 team national championships
  - » 152 individual and relay national champions
  - » 246 CCIW conference championships

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

## LOCATION: NAPERVILLE, IL

- 4th largest city in Illinois
- 1st "Safest City in America" (MoneyGeek, 2023)
- 3rd "Best Cities to Live in America" (Niche, 2022)

North Central College is a 30-minute express train ride to downtown Chicago and steps from Naperville's dynamic downtown, with its Riverwalk and array of dining and shopping options. Naperville and other surrounding communities in DuPage County are home to many corporate headquarters, providing North Central students with easy access to internships and jobs.



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our campus map



North Central's Wentz Concert Hall is hailed as a premier destination to appreciate performances of classical, jazz and contemporary music. The hall is also the west suburban home of the Chicago Sinfonietta and the DuPage Symphony Orchestra. The concert hall is where student musicians are able to perform in a world-class facility for campus and community audiences alike.

## ACCREDITATION

North Central College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). As an Open Pathway institution, North Central has its Year 4 review scheduled for 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) 2023 census*



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