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.
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

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<td>Total students</td>
<td>2,856</td>
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<td>Undergraduate</td>
<td>2,397</td>
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<td>Graduate</td>
<td>459</td>
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<td>States represented</td>
<td>36</td>
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<td>Countries represented</td>
<td>51</td>
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<td>From Illinois</td>
<td>83%</td>
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<td>17%</td>
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<td>Live on campus</td>
<td>53%</td>
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<td>First-generation college students</td>
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<td>Student athletes</td>
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<td>Identify as students of color</td>
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### FACULTY & STAFF

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<td>Average class size</td>
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### TUITION & FEES

**2023-2024 Academic Year**
- Tuition: $44,114
- Housing & Food: $14,444
- Fees: $280

- Minimum annual academic merit scholarship: $24,500
- 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

UNDERGRADUATE
(Bachelor's Degree)

Accounting
Actuarial Science
Animation*
Anthropology
Applied Communication*
Applied Health Sciences**
Applied Mathematics
Art Education
Art History
Athletic Training†
Biochemistry
Biology
Biological 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
Second Year 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 Applied Communication
Master of Arts in Counseling
Master of Arts in Criminal Justice
Master of Arts in Education
Master of Arts in Health Promotion
Master of Arts in Human Services
Master of Business Administration
Master of Public Administration
Master of Science in Educational Leadership
Master of Science in Educational Psychology
Master of Science in Educational Technology
Master of Science in Health Services Management
Master of Science in Leadership in Education
Master of Science in Management
Master of Science in Organizational Leadership
Master of Science in Sports Management
Master of Science in Exercise Science
Master of Science in Exercise Science Education
Master of Science in Exercise Science Health Promotion
Master of Science in Exercise Science Nutrition

GRADUATE
(Doctoral Degree)

Doctor of Physical Therapy

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

*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 in 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. 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; phone: 703-706-3240; email: accreditation@apta.org). If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call (630) 637-5835 or email 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 ensure that the program will be granted Initial Accreditation.
††††† The entry-level occupational therapy doctoral degree program has applied for accreditation and has been granted Candidate Status by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 6110 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929. ACOTE’s telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 650-6648 and its web address is www.acoteonline.org. The program must have a pre-accreditation 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 obtain state licensure.
Students must complete 24 weeks of Level II Fieldwork as well as an individual 16-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 0.1.3.
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.

Scan here to view 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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