

AT A GLANCE



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 Supportive Community, Prime Location and Big Opportunities to Learn and Grow

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

Offering a well-rounded student experience that prioritizes academic excellence and personal development, North Central is a place that fosters curiosity, nurtures relationships, challenges ideas, and is committed to setting students up for future success.

Areas of distinction include:

- More than 90 undergraduate and 25 graduate-degree programs across our College of Arts and Sciences; School of Business and Entrepreneurship; and School of Education and Health Sciences.
- Award-winning Cardinal First program that provides comprehensive support for students who are the first in their family to attend college.
- Robust undergraduate research and internship opportunities that provide students with hands-on, real-world experience alongside faculty and industry mentors.
- ABET-accredited undergraduate programs in computer, electrical and mechanical engineering supported by state-of-the-art research facilities.
- Nationally accredited graduate programs that prepare students for high-demand careers in healthcare – including nursing, physical therapy and occupational therapy.
- Vast study abroad opportunities for all majors, minors, budgets and comfort zones.
- Championship caliber NCAA Division III athletics programs that foster community, teamwork and leadership skills.



The College is led by Dr. Abiodun Goke-Pariolá. He is the 12th president of North Central College.



North Central's campus is an accredited arboretum – one of the many ways our institution upholds a strong commitment to environmental sustainability.



Scan to view a map of North Central's 69.4-acre campus.

RANKINGS & AWARDS

- U.S. News & World Report**
 - 2026 Best Regional Universities (Midwest) #20
 - 2026 Best Value - Regional Universities (Midwest) #27
 - 2026 Top Performers on Social Mobility - Regional Universities (Midwest) #35
 - 2026 Best Colleges for Veterans - Regional Universities (Midwest) #9
- The Princeton Review**
 - 2026 Best Colleges: Midwest
 - 2025 Green Schools
- Money.com**
 - 2025 Best Colleges in America
- Arbor Day Foundation**
 - 2024 Recognized Tree Campus
- Phi Theta Kappa**
 - 2025 Transfer Honor Roll

STUDENT POPULATION*

3,179 total students
2,632 undergraduate
547 graduate

88% from Illinois
46 states represented

12% from outside Illinois
60 countries represented

46% live on campus
54% commute to campus

48% identify as male

60% of new first-year students live on campus

52% identify as female

28% student-athletes
37% underrepresented minority students

*Reflects undergraduate population unless otherwise noted.

FACULTY & STAFF

294 full-time staff



98% tenure-track faculty hold Ph.D. or terminal degree in their field

193 full-time faculty



100% of undergraduate courses are taught by professors

12:1 student-faculty ratio

0 teaching assistants

20 average class size

UNDERGRADUATE TUITION & FEES

2025-2026 Academic Year

\$46,810 Tuition (annual, full-time)
\$13,740 Housing and Food**
\$530 Student Fees

\$25,500 minimum annual academic merit scholarship

100% of students receive some form of financial aid

CLASS OF 2025 PROFILE

800 Degree Recipients

- 593 bachelor's degree recipients
- 175 master's degree recipients
- 32 doctoral 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

**Reflects cost of the all-access meal plan and living in a double in Rall, Seager or Geiger residence hall, or a triple in Kimmel.

DIVERSE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- **90+** undergraduate majors
- **69** undergraduate minors
- **3** undergraduate concentrations
- **10** interdisciplinary programs
- **24** graduate degree programs
- **9** graduate certificates/ endorsement programs

UNDERGRADUATE *Bachelor's Degree*

Accounting
Actuarial Science
Animation*
Anthropology
Applied Chemistry
Applied Communication*
Applied Health Sciences**
Applied Mathematics
Art Education
Art History
Biochemistry
Biology
Biology Education
Chemistry
Chemistry, ACS-Certified
Chemistry Education
Chicago Area Studies*
Chinese Classical Studies*
Communication Studies
Community Health*
Computer Science
Conflict Resolution*
Criminology
Dance*
Data Science*
Design
Diagnostic Medical Sonography
East Asian Studies
Economics
Economics, Business

Finance
French*
French Studies*
Gender and Sexuality Studies*
German*
German Studies
Global Studies
Graphic Design
Health Science History
Human Resource Management
Industrial/ Organizational Psychology*
Educational Studies*
Elementary Education
Engineering, Computer
Engineering, Electrical
Engineering, Mechanical
Engineering Physics (dual degree)
English, Language Arts and Linguistics*
English, Literature
English, Writing
English, Professional and Technical Writing*
English Education
English Language Learner*
Entrepreneurship
Environmental Business
Environmental Science
Environmental Science Education
Environmental Studies
Ethical Leadership
Ethics*
Exercise Science
Film and Screen Studies*

Philosophy
Physics*
Physics Education
Physics, Interdisciplinary
German Studies
Global Studies
Graphic Design
Health Science History
Human Resource Management
Industrial/ Organizational Psychology*
Educational Studies*
Elementary Education
Engineering, Computer
Engineering, Electrical
Engineering, Mechanical
Engineering Physics (dual degree)
English, Language Arts and Linguistics*
English, Literature
English, Writing
English, Professional and Technical Writing*
English Education
English Language Learner*
Entrepreneurship
Environmental Business
Environmental Science
Environmental Science Education
Environmental Studies
Ethical Leadership
Ethics*
Exercise Science
Film and Screen Studies*

Pathway Programs
Occupational Therapy (BS/MOT)
Physics, Professional Political Science
Professional Spanish*
Psychology
Public Relations*
Race and Ethnic Studies*
Radiation Therapy
Shimer Great Books
Shimer History of Ideas*
Social Entrepreneurship
Social Innovation*
Social Science/ History
Sociology
Spanish
Special Education
Spirituality and Religion
Sport Management (Digital Marketing or General Business)
Management
Marketing
Mathematics
Music
Music Composition and Production
Music Education (Choral or Instrumental)
Music Performance (Instrumental, Piano, or Vocal)
Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
Certificates
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Concentrations
Applied Communications
Chinese Language and Culture
Ethics
Technology
Nutrition Science
Organizational Communication

Therapy (Bridge)
Master of Science in Nursing (Executive Leadership, Nurse Educator, Family Nurse Practitioner, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner)
Master of Science Nursing Executive Leader and MBA (dual degree)
Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies†

GRADUATE *Master's Degree*

Doctoral Degree

Post-Professional Occupational Therapy Doctorate††

Graduate Level Certificates

Graduate Level Endorsements

*Minor only



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.

North Central's three academic deans (L to R) each lead an individual school that infuses the liberal arts across all disciplines:

- Dean David Green, PhD
School of Business and Entrepreneurship
- Dean Mary Groll, MD
School of Education and Health Sciences
- Dean Stephen Caliendo, PhD
College of Arts and Sciences



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.



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.

**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 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/.

†† The entry-level occupational therapy doctoral degree program has applied for accreditation and has been granted Preaccreditation Status 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) 652-6000. AOTA and its web address is www.acoteonline.org. The program must 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. 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 and Level II fieldwork as defined in 2023 ACOTE OTD Standard D.1.3. (edited)

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



100+
student organizations
and activities

32 study
abroad
programs

20+ countries



North Central's annual Rall Symposium for Student Research welcomes undergraduate and graduate students of all majors to present their work in a professional forum to gain experience in sharing original scholarship.

► 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.



► 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.



NATIONALLY RANKED NCAA DIVISION III ATHLETICS PROGRAMS

26
intercollegiate
sports teams

13 men's programs
13 women's programs*

46
athletic team national
championships

158 individual and
relay national
championships

262 CCIW conference
championships

*Women's triathlon is not an official NCAA sport.



BEYOND CAMPUS



Vibrant downtown Naperville is just steps from North Central's campus.

One of the best parts about attending North Central is living in an award-winning city.

North Central College – Naperville's university – is just steps from the city's vibrant downtown. Students enjoy an array of shopping and dining options and strolling the scenic Naperville Riverwalk – more than two miles of walking paths along the DuPage River and connected to the North Central campus.

Students also benefit from Naperville being a modern, thriving economic powerhouse in the region and the state. Located along the I-88 corridor and a 30-minute commuter train ride from Chicago, Naperville is home to both family businesses and international corporations that know the value of a North Central College education.

NAPERVILLE

- **#1** Best City to Live in America (Niche.com, 2025)
- **#3** Largest City in Illinois
- **#16** Healthiest Places to Live in America (Niche.com, 2025)
- **#19** Safest Places to Live in the U.S. (U.S. News & World Report, 2025)



CORPORATE CONNECTIONS

The College actively engages with corporations throughout the region to develop mutually beneficial relationships. North Central's Office of Corporate, Foundation and Sponsored Research Support works with organizations to help them meet strategic needs through connections with our students and campus.

For example, through naming opportunities for laboratories and facilities, industry partners such as HARTING, Omron, International, and Molex have provided generous support that enhances student learning experiences.

Other opportunities to connect with our campus include: recruiting students for internships and employment; offering scholarships; partnering with faculty and students on research and development; and providing clinical education opportunities in the growing healthcare field.

► The Emerging Leaders in Engineering Scholarship is a unique partnership with International that provides scholarships for North Central undergraduate engineering students.

PREPARING FOR LIFE BEYOND COLLEGE

North Central College's career readiness requirement ensures that every student is equipped with the skills and experiences needed to translate classroom learning to the workplace.

Before graduation, North Central undergraduate students must complete four credit hours in career readiness:

Preparation

Students explore career paths and what a typical job search looks like.

Experiential

Students complete a minimum of 90 hours of professional preparation "field work" such as an internship, research project or practicum.



The College's annual Job and Internship Fair brings employers and students together to build connections and opportunities.



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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) 2025 census