The Graduate School

About Northcentral University

Founded in 1996, Northcentral University (NCU) is a regionally accredited, private, online and graduate-focused university serving professionals globally. Northcentral University offers doctoral, master’s and bachelor’s degrees in business and technology management, education, psychology as well as marriage and family sciences. Courses are taught one-to-one by a member of NCU’s 100 percent doctoral faculty, and there are no physical residency requirements. Northcentral University is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCACS).

Northcentral University educates professionals throughout the world by providing an opportunity to earn a U.S. regionally accredited degree online. We are committed to helping our students achieve academically and become valuable contributors in their communities and within their professions.

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For most doctoral students at NCU, a change occurs once they have taken and passed the Doctoral Comprehensive Examination and reached the doctoral candidacy stage of their academic journey. At that point, they enter The Graduate School, which is staffed by full-time dissertation chairs who have demonstrated exceptional research and scholarly writing skills, and a proven ability to guide doctoral students through the dissertation process.

The primary responsibilities of The Graduate School include:

- Conducting the official academic reviews of dissertation milestone documents.
- Developing research curriculum, providing delivery oversight, and developing related training.
- Providing oversight of the dissertation management process, including chair and committee assignments and accountability.
- Providing oversight of the Institutional Review Board (IRB).
- Maintaining the Dissertation Center, a repository for research and statistics information, statistics tutorials, Northcentral University dissertation handbooks and templates for applied and research degrees, and a variety of scholarly sources related to dissertation quality and student development.

The Graduate School - Key Dates

2011 – Northcentral University creates The Graduate School.

2012 – Northcentral University transitions to full-time dissertation chairs to enhance academic quality at the dissertation stage.