

General Information

Mission Statement

North Central University, owned and operated by the Assemblies of God, is a Christ-centered Pentecostal school with a commitment to academic excellence that prepares students to fulfill biblical models of leadership and ministry throughout the world. (Ephesians 4:11-12)

The University is committed to enable students to become knowledgeable in God's inerrant Word and competent in its application and proclamation; to develop spiritually mature, dedicated persons; and to maintain academic excellence in the highest tradition of Christian scholarship. Students are trained in all aspects of church-related ministry, with emphasis on pastoral leadership, preaching, teaching, evangelism, church planting, missions and music.

Vision Statement

North Central University is a Christ-centered school in the Bible college tradition, with urban and international focus, whose purpose is to prepare Pentecostal leaders to serve God in the church and in the world.

In order to accomplish this task, NCU is committed to the requirement of a minimum 30-credit Bible/theology core for all majors. It also requires daily chapel attendance and other meaningful methods of spiritual formation. NCU is church-focused and there are practical ministry requirements which are fulfilled

with service in the church and community. The University seeks to develop a robust Christianity based on a Christian worldview developed through a meaningful, integrated general education core program. It offers various majors which are designed to develop leaders who are functioning Pentecostals and who know how to interact evangelistically with their world.

Most majors are geared toward church-oriented vocations. All majors are designed to be ministry-focused, training students to serve God in a variety of ways according to their calling and gifts. Program focus at North Central is particularly centered upon urban and international settings, utilizing the urban context of the campus as a laboratory for effective ministry and providing a full array of creative international learning opportunities.

The Heritage

Located in the heart of Minneapolis, North Central University is a coeducational, undergraduate, primarily residential college owned and operated by 11 Assemblies of God districts of the upper Midwest. Founded in 1930 as North Central Bible Institute, program offerings were expanded in 1955 to include a four-year degree.

In 1957, the institution's name was changed to North Central Bible College and in 1964, North Central was accredited by the American Association of Bible Colleges. Recognizing its commitment to the needs of its constituents, North Central continued expanding its offerings and was accredited in 1986 by the

We Believe

- The Bible to be the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God.
- That there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.
- In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father and in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule a thousand years.
- In the Blessed Hope, which is the Rapture of the Church at Christ's coming.
- That the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ.
- That regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation.
- That the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer.
- That the baptism of the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4 is given to believers who ask for it.
- In the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life.
- In the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.

Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. At the spring 1998 meeting of the Board of Regents, the college's name was changed to North Central University.

In keeping with the vital and growing character of the school, enrollment has more than tripled from 401 students in 1975 to a present enrollment of more than 1,500 in the residence and distance education programs in 2004. The stability and strength of North Central has produced more than 24,000 alumni, and of its graduates, 75 percent are presently in ministry positions throughout the United States and around the world.

The Means

The Biblical Support

As a Christian institution, North Central University approaches its purpose from the biblical foundation found in John 13:34-35. The purpose of the University is to produce Pentecostal leaders to serve God in the church and in the world. As a result of their training at North Central, students should, therefore, be able to:

1. Maintain a vital, stable and consistent relationship with God with openness to revival and ongoing spiritual growth and demonstration in the Pentecostal tradition.
2. Interact with members of the campus community and the church in such a way as to maintain supportive, caring, loving, forgiving and accountable relationships which are life-changing for all.
3. Demonstrate an informed, evangelistic and serving orientation to the peoples of the world, including those majority urban dwellers throughout the United States and the world.
4. Utilize their integrated Christian worldview and specially developed skills to provide leadership in the church and the world.

The Curricular Support

All students are expected to accomplish the above goals by completing both academic and personal development programs. Student development programming involves students in numerous real-life experiences through which they learn to apply skills and knowledge gained in the classroom.

Academic programming consists of three major components: the General Education Core, the Biblical Studies Core and the major or vocational core. The four-year degree curriculum prepares students for ministry careers in the church,

for graduate study and for other areas of life. The one or two years of foundational biblical and general education curriculum at the Certificate or Associate Degree level gives students a foundation for the future that may include additional career or vocational training.

The University has clearly defined the ends sought for each of these curricular areas. It is clear as to its purposes and has been in a strongly creative revision process for all of its curriculum so it can be even more successful in accomplishing its desired ends. These end-sought statements written at the beginning of each curricular program can be found throughout the catalog. Curricular changes place NCU on the cutting edge of meaningful higher education designed to prepare students for the new millennium.

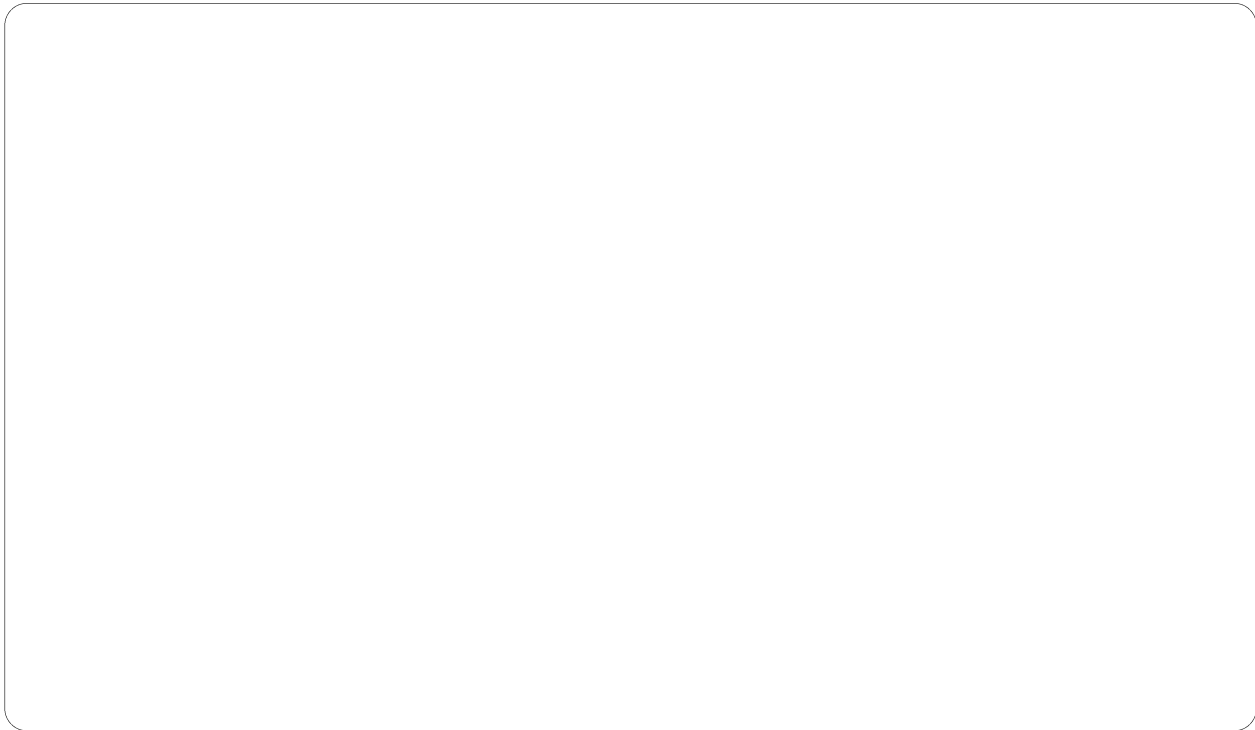
Completion of the academic degree programs and the non-academic learning opportunities make it possible for the student:

1. To communicate clearly and effectively within the church and with a world which desperately needs to know the Savior.
2. To relate the present to the past through an understanding of the historical process.
3. To demonstrate expanded perceptions of life and refined aesthetic sensibilities.
4. To develop and maintain a practical wellness model for living.
5. To utilize a systematic approach to examine nature and solve quantitative problems.
6. To solve problems in a disciplined and imaginative way through analytical and critical thinking skills.
7. To observe and interpret human behavior within the richness of social and cultural diversity.
8. To acquire foundational knowledge of Bible content and history and develop a basic research methodology for biblical study.

As a result, students should be able to build into their lifestyle and ministry the skills, knowledge and attitudes that will help them make a significant contribution to their generation. They should become flexible lifelong learners who are curious, adaptive, analytical, literate, morally sensitive, critically appreciative and theologically literate.

The Early Days of North Central

North Central University enrolled its first 26 students in classes beginning October 1, 1930, under the name of North Central Bible Institute. The Institute's original home was in a newly erected Assemblies of God church, the Minneapolis



I.O. Miller Hall circa 1950

Gospel Tabernacle, in downtown Minneapolis. Female students were placed in homes where they could work for their board and room, and male students were housed in rooms or apartments near the Institute. Ownership of the Institute was in the hands of the North Central District Council of the Assemblies of God which at that time included territory extending from the Great Lakes west to the Continental Divide in the northern tier of states.

North Central Expands

The Institute's graduating classes from 1933 to 1936 increased steadily. In 1936, when over 200 students registered, it was evident that new quarters were needed. The following September, students and faculty relocated to NCU's new home, the former Asbury Hospital at 910 Elliot Avenue. This five-story building, a city block in length, included adequate dormitory, office and classroom space to accommodate 500 students.

In February 1955, the Minnesota District authorized the change to a four-year program, and the Institute graduated its first bachelor's degree class of eight students in 1956. In April 1957, the parent district requested that the school name be changed to North Central Bible College.

For the next 16 years, a five-story building providing housing for male students and the cafeteria was added to the campus, along with a library building. In 1973, the new F.J. Lindquist Chapel

was dedicated, and in the spring of 1981, the Clark/Danielson College Life Center was constructed to the south of the chapel. This CLC building contains classrooms, administrative offices and a gymnasium. Also completed at this time were the skyways connecting the College Life Center to Carlson Hall and the chapel to Miller Hall (the original building at 910 Elliot Avenue).

In December 1981, five apartment buildings located directly behind Miller Hall became part of the campus. In March 1988, the University purchased a building located behind the chapel. In 1989, NCU acquired a renovated storefront called the Del Kingsriter Centre for Intercultural Relations. This building houses the Carlstrom Deaf Studies, Intercultural Studies and Languages, English, and Psychology departments, and classrooms.

The college began purchasing the Elliot East Condominiums in 1993. Today it owns the majority of the 32 units, which are available for rent by students. In 1994, the college also purchased the American Legion building on South Tenth Street which is now used as classrooms, and the Trestman property on the southwest quadrant of Chicago Avenue and Fourteenth Street which is home to the University Bookstore and the Center for Youth and Leadership. In 2001, the new Phillipps Hall dormitories were completed, as was the remodeling and refurbishing of the Carlson Hall Cafeteria.

In 2005, the University broke ground for the Thomas E.

Trask Word and Worship Center, a project that includes the additions of a 200-seat auditorium and two-story atrium and the remodeling of the Lindquist Chapel. In the same year, North Central acquired the Fine Arts Building, a 35,000 square-foot building located two blocks from campus.

North Central Organizational Structure

In a move to share ownership and management with neighboring districts, the Board of Directors, authorized transfer of the title to a corporation with the membership drawn from the Wisconsin-Northern Michigan, Minnesota and South Dakota Districts in 1962. The Iowa and Illinois Districts voted to join in the ownership and management of the college in May 1969. During the 1970s, Michigan, Indiana and Nebraska also became regent districts. In 1981, Northern Missouri joined, and in 1985 North Dakota joined. In 1993, the Midwest Latin American District joined to become the 11th district. Thus, the University today is operated and supported by 11 Assemblies of God districts of the upper Midwest.

Various personalities figured prominently in the operation of the college from its inception. Rev. F.J. Lindquist, founder-president and pastor of the Minneapolis Gospel Tabernacle, first home of the college; Rev. I.O. Miller, member of the Board of Directors from 1933-36, and after 1936, a member of the executive committee and faculty; and Rev. H.R. Snyder, treasurer. All three resigned from their official positions as president, executive vice-president and treasurer, respectively, in the spring of 1961. Rev. Lindquist continued to teach on a part-time basis until June 1, 1964.

Dr. G. Raymond Carlson, who had been a member of the Board of Directors since 1944, was chosen as the second president of the college. He assumed his duties as president May 1, 1961 and served in this office until Dec. 31, 1969. The Rev. Cyril E. Homer was elected by the Board of Regents to serve as the third president of the college in the fall of 1969. Dr. E.M. Clark, a member of the Board of Regents and superintendent of

the Illinois District of the Assemblies of God, was called by that Board to serve as the fourth president of the college, serving from December 1971 through July 1979.

In July 1979, Dr. Don Argue succeeded Dr. Clark as president. Dr. Clark assumed the office of chancellor of the college through 1981. Dr. Argue served the college for 16 years as the president, during which time the college experienced much enrollment and campus growth. He left the college in May 1995 to serve as the president of the National Association of Evangelicals.

After 13 years of teaching at North Central, Dr. Gordon Anderson became the sixth president in May 1995. Prior to his appointment as president of North Central, Dr. Anderson's diverse experiences included pastoral leadership, professor and chair for the Department of Liberal Arts, and director for the G. Raymond Carlson Institute for Church Leadership. He also served on the mission field as director of the Eurasia Office for the Assemblies of God Division of World Missions. His broad experience as a pastor, missionary and student of revivals has prepared him to lead the University in this new century. He is a gifted teacher and preacher who is much in demand across the United States and overseas.

Exciting as our history has been, we are looking forward to an era of new edifices, expanded curriculum, deeper spiritual commitment and additional growth. The most exciting chapters in the history of North Central University are currently being written.

G. Raymond Carlson Institute for Church Leadership

The Carlson Institute was established to serve the educational needs of adult laypersons and church leaders who are unable to take advantage of on-campus programs. The Institute is named after Dr. G. Raymond Carlson, former general superintendent of the Assemblies of God and former president of North Central

Accreditation

North Central University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA), 30 N. LaSalle St., Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602, phone 1.800.621.7440 and visit www.higherlearningcommission.org.

North Central University is approved by the Department of Education of the State of Minnesota for training of veterans and war orphans under Public Laws 358, 634, 87-815.

North Central University has Minnesota State Board of

Teaching approval which allows certification for teachers in elementary education K-6 with specialties in 5-8 Social Studies or Communication Arts for Christian, public or private schools.

North Central University is approved by the United States Department of Justice for the training of foreign students. It is approved by the State of Minnesota, Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, for the training of students with disability handicaps.

Bible College.

Recognizing the great challenges of today and into the next century, as well as the growing trend toward lifelong learning and distance education, the Carlson Institute is a non-traditional program designed to provide theological education and leadership training for individuals in the context of their local church and ministry.

The Institute includes the following programs:

- **On-ramp Program.** North Central works with Master's Commissions programs, Urban Bible Training Centers (UBTCs) and church-based Bible institutes (CBBIs) to provide curriculum that serves as an "on-ramp" to further study at NCU. It also has worked with various learning centers in churches and with individuals to provide college course work through correspondence.

- **Graduate Program.** North Central University is a Branch Campus of the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary (AGTS) in Springfield, Missouri. A complete Master's Degree in Christian Ministries is offered at North Central.

- **Workshops and Seminars.** As part of the continuing education of ministers and lay leaders, the Institute occasionally sponsors programs of special interest and benefit.

For more information call or write:

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Carlstrom Deaf Studies

In the fall of 1969, North Central University gave birth to the North Central Deaf Program. Its vision and purpose was to provide a vehicle whereby Deaf men and women could be prepared to establish indigenous Deaf churches and ministries both at home and abroad. The program started as a three-year diploma program which has now grown into its current status, a four-year Bachelor of Arts program under the joint auspices of the Assemblies of God Division of Home Missions and NCU.

In response to the Great Commission, Carlstrom Deaf Studies sees itself as a distinct cultural member of the body of Christ. It desires to express its purpose in three areas:

- **Academics and Practics.** To train and enable Deaf men and women in the knowledge and practics of ministering the Gospel through a variety of academic disciplines with an interdisciplinary emphasis.

- **Research and Development.** To lead in the research and development of innovative concepts of ministry providing public services to constituents enhancing the lives of Deaf men and women.

- **Advocacy.** To expand the scope of the traditional Bible college through actively reaffirming the people group known as the

Deaf community as a distinct culture.

For more information call or write:

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North Central/AGTS Master's Degree

A master's degree in Christian Ministries is available at the North Central University Branch Campus of the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary (AGTS). This degree places an emphasis on Pentecostal leadership, drawing upon the expertise of leaders from NCU, AGTS and the region. For more information call the director of continuing education at AGTS at 1.800.467.2487, or speak with the director of the NCU Carlson Institute.

Classes are normally offered in one-week intensive courses, which is convenient for pastors and evangelists who are presently in ministry.

Off Campus Studies

- **Focus on the Family Institute.** North Central students may attend Focus on the Family Institute as an option. Transfer credit has been approved through a Liaison Agreement with Focus on the Family Institute. Applicability to the student's program of study is the responsibility of the student.

For additional information on Off Campus Studies, contact the Registrar's Office at 612.343.4409.

T.J. Jones Information Resource Center

North Central's library is named in honor of Rev. T.J. Jones, an early Pentecostal Bible teacher whose life demonstrated the importance of reading and study.

The Information Resource Center occupies four floors of a picturesque facility that provides study area for about 150 individuals. Materials available include more than 83,000 volumes, periodicals, newspapers, microforms, pamphlets, videos and audio tapes. The IRC has facilities for photocopying, group study and viewing video tapes.

The Resource Center has numerous computers that provide access to the online catalog and databases as well as numerous other electronic resources including the Internet. The IRC houses the archives of the University as well as two

special collections that help the school fulfill its vision statement. The Pentecostal Studies Collection holds materials relating to the history and theology of the Pentecostal/charismatic movements and the David Irwin Islamic Collection maintains resources relating to Islam.

The online catalog gives access to the local collection and provides a relevancy guide to help the researcher locate the most useful material. Desired materials not held by the IRC can be easily obtained from other local libraries or by using the services of the Interlibrary Loan department.

Open 80 hours a week, the IRC is staffed by full-time librarians and numerous student librarians who are eager to help students achieve their educational objectives.