Earning a PhD is the pinnacle of academic achievement. In the field of psychology, doctoral-level studies are essential to the pursuit and creation of new knowledge. Professionals who do not wish to obtain a degree in clinical psychology can select degrees that emphasize research and the application of theory to professional practice. NCU’s PhD in Psychology degree program stresses theory, research and scholarship, with the goal of preparing a new generation of researchers, practitioners and professors who can contribute to the field.

WHAT YOU’LL LEARN
In NCU’s PhD in Psychology degree program, you will rely on your critical thinking skills to synthesize and evaluate data, professional knowledge and scholarly research in preparation of your own dissertation project research. You will be expected to honor the ethical principles of the field and illustrate respect for diversity. Ultimately, you will integrate your skills and knowledge to build expertise in the specialization of your choice, with the goal of presenting yourself as a well-informed and effective professional in the field of psychology.

WHO WILL TEACH YOU
Every course is taught one-to-one through mentoring by NCU professors, all of whom hold doctoral degrees. Your foundational courses will be taught by professors who are specifically trained to familiarize you with the NCU education experience so you can be successful in the rest of your courses. As you progress through the program and take more specialized courses, your professors will likewise exhibit greater expertise in each topic. In the dissertation process, you will be assigned a dissertation chair, who will work closely with you to develop a scholarly dissertation project that applies theoretical knowledge to the advancement of practice in your field.

PROFESSIONAL POTENTIAL
NCU’s PhD graduates can serve their communities in a variety of ways, depending on their interests, skills and ability to identify their own niche, including:

- Conducting research for private or governmental agencies
- Solving social problems as program directors or planners
- Teaching and providing services to students as professors, instructors, counselors and academic administrators
- Promoting physical and mental health as part of a health care team, training physicians and health care providers, and advocating for social change to improve the human condition

SPECIALIZATIONS
- Addictions
- Gender Diversity Studies
- General Psychology
- Gerontology
- Health Psychology
- Industrial/Organizational Psychology
- Mental Health Policy and Practice
- Trauma and Disaster Relief
Northcentral University’s Department of Psychology delivers PhD, master’s, bachelor’s and graduate certificate programs in psychology that emphasize the knowledge, skills, practical application and values that are integral to the field. Our specializations are not counseling or therapy-focused, but instead emphasize improving the human condition through research and practice in a variety of professional settings, such as academia, corporations, mental health organizations and research institutions.

THE NCU DIFFERENCE

UNPARALLELED FLEXIBILITY
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NCU is committed to providing a premier education for our students, and holds the same regional accreditation (WASC) as other prestigious American universities. You will learn from our professors, all of whom hold doctoral degrees, and are experienced professionals in your field of study. Our one-to-one mentoring approach to learning allows you to experience individualized interaction. NCU offers excellent university resources to support your success now and in the future, including an outstanding online library available 24/7, managed by trained, full-time librarians.

TAILORED TO YOU
At NCU you’ll be learning in a class size of one, so there’s no need to worry about dropped classes or waiting lists. There are no group classes or projects to interfere with your calendar. You determine your schedule, just as you determine your educational outcome. That’s why NCU’s independent study approach is designed for you, the self-motivated student, who seeks a higher degree in their educational journey.

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Established: 1996
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