

## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

*Preparing Students to Navigate the Diverse, Ever-Changing Educational Landscape*

**NCU's School of Education programs are designed to fit educators' needs in the classroom, the workplace, or in higher education.**

### Overview

NCU's [School of Education](#) is focused on preparing students to meet today's challenges by providing stimulating, relevant and career-focused programs. At NCU, we understand that today's educators and administrators face new challenges every day, and seek a lifelong pursuit of learning to keep up with the ever-changing educational landscape.

As a premier online university, our courses are focused on improving teaching, learning, research and leadership contributions in the field of education. Under guidance of doctoral professors, students are mentored in the latest, most relevant information within the profession, addressing all levels of human development and education.

The School of Education offers doctoral, master's, bachelor's-completion and certificate programs.

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## Accreditation



### WASC Senior College and University Commission

NCU is a WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) accredited institution. WSCUC is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). (WASC Senior College and University Commission, 985 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 100, Alameda, CA 94501, 510.748.9001, [www.wscuc.org](http://www.wscuc.org).)



### The Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)

The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) accredits Northcentral University's Master's of Education programs focused on PK-12 education. CAEP, the only national accreditor for educator preparation, promotes excellence in educator preparation through quality assurance and continuous improvement. (Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation, 1140 19th St NW #400, Washington, DC 20036, 202.223.0077, [www.caepnet.org](http://www.caepnet.org).)

## School of Education Dean

**John Neal, EdD**, is the Dean of the School of Education. For more than 25 years, he has led in the development of educational content for adult learners through campus-based programs, online delivery, and satellite campuses throughout the U.S., Europe, and the Pacific Rim.

Throughout his career, Dr. Neal has served a number of highly entrepreneurial private colleges in a variety of roles, including Dean at Webster University and President of Ottawa University, Maryville University, and Kaplan University's home campus. Prior to his founding of JenEd Consulting, he served as President of Capital Education, where he assisted colleges and universities in the strategic planning and development of virtual learning environments. In this role, he facilitated program planning, design, market analysis and modeling, the selection of learning platforms, course design, and the integration of effective online pedagogies.

Dr. Neal earned an EdD in Higher Education Administration from Vanderbilt University (George Peabody College of Education), a Master of Arts in Music Education from Middle Tennessee State University, and a Bachelor of Science in Church Music and Biblical Studies from Welch College (magna cum laude).

## Programs\*

- **Doctor of Philosophy in Education** with 16 specializations
- **Doctor of Education** with 16 specializations
- **Education Specialist** with 16 specializations
- **Master of Education** with 18 specializations and 1 accelerated option
- **Bachelor of Education** with 3 specializations
- **Post-Master's Certificate in Education** with 13 specializations
- **Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Education** with 1 specialization

\*For more information about NCU's graduation rates, the median debt of students who complete programs, and other important information, please visit [www.ncu.edu/program-disclosures](http://www.ncu.edu/program-disclosures).

## Honor Societies

Northcentral University was asked to form the first virtual chapter of **Kappa Delta Pi** (an honor society in the field of education) in 2007.

Northcentral University is a charter member of **Golden Key International Honour Society**.

## Mission

The School of Education prepares professional educators at all levels to become effective leaders, reflective practitioners, and successful communicators within the diverse field of education. The School is focused on improving teaching, learning, research and leadership contributions throughout all levels of human development and education.

## School at a Glance

**32** specializations across **7** relevant programs

**35%** of NCU students were in SOE programs in 2016

**151** SOE professors

**100%** Doctoral Faculty

**52** Weekly Course Starts

**1** student paired with **1** doctoral professor in each course

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