

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Improving the Human Condition in the Helping Professions

NCU's School of Social and Behavioral Sciences provides professionals around the world with accessible education opportunities to acquire the knowledge, skills, and values integral to individuals within the social and behavioral sciences.

Overview

NCU's School of Social and Behavioral Sciences is composed of two departments - the Department of Marriage and Family Sciences and the Department of Psychology. Our programs are designed to meet the highest standards in these fields. The Department of Marriage and Family Sciences offers doctoral, master's and post-graduate certificate programs, while the Department of Psychology offers doctoral, master's, bachelor's-completion and post-graduate certificate programs.

School of Social and Behavioral Sciences Dean

James Billings, PhD is the Dean of Northcentral University's School of Social and Behavioral Sciences. He completed his PhD at Loma Linda University in 2004, where he received the Graduate School Dean's Award for recognition for intellectual achievement, professional performance and social sensitivity. His dissertation addressed *Exploring the Relationship between Job Satisfaction, Commitment, Communication, and Stress with Organizational Functioning*. He graduated from Pacific Lutheran University in 2000 with a Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy. Dr. Billings is also a graduate of Brigham Young University, where he completed his Bachelor of Science in Psychology in 1998.

Dr. Billings has been published in the Journal of Marital and Family Therapy and presented at numerous conferences including the National Child Life Conference, American Association of Marriage and Family Therapist National Conferences, and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention National Conference.

He is an American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) Approved Supervisor; Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE) Commissioner; State Approved MFT Supervisor (California and Texas); and a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (California and Texas).

Accreditations



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.)



Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE)

The Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE) is the accrediting body for the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT). Northcentral University's Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy and Doctor of Philosophy in Marriage and Family Therapy Programs are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, 112 South Alfred Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, Tel. No. (703) 838-9808, coa@aamft.org.

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Department of Psychology

Overview

Northcentral University seeks to unite a global community of expert faculty and students dedicated to improving the human condition through research and practice. The Department of Psychology degree and certificate programs emphasize an understanding of how the mind works and explores human behavior. As the world of psychology evolves, the Department faculty stays current on the cutting edge of the industry, and updates curriculum to keep it relevant for all students.

Department of Psychology Programs*

- **Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology** *with 8 specializations*
- **Master of Arts in Psychology** *with 2 specializations*
- **Master of Science in Child and Adolescent Development Psychology**
- **Master of Science in Forensic Psychology**
- **Master of Science in Health Psychology**
- **Master of Science in Industrial/Organizational Psychology**
- **Bachelor of Arts in Psychology**
- **Post-Master's Certificate in Psychology** *with 9 specializations*
- **Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Psychology** *with 4 specializations*

*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.

Department of Psychology Honor Societies

Department of Psychology students can join **Psi Chi**, the international honor society in psychology. Northcentral University is a charter member of **Golden Key International Honour Society**.

Department of Psychology Mission

The Department of Psychology provides students around the world with accessible education opportunities to acquire the knowledge, skills and values integral to professionals within the social and behavioral sciences.

Department of Psychology at a Glance

9 specializations across 9 relevant programs

13% of NCU students were in Department of Psychology programs in 2016

67 Department of Psychology professors

100% Doctoral Faculty

52 Weekly Course Starts

1 student paired with 1 doctoral professor in each course

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Department of Marriage and Family Sciences

Overview

Since launching in 2005 with just 15 students, NCU's Department of Marriage and Family Sciences has grown to serve more than 1,600 current students and alumni from 50 U.S. states, Puerto Rico and more than 13 nations.

We offer the first distance-based Master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy (MAMFT) program to be accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE). In addition, our PhD in Marriage and Family Therapy is the first, and currently only, distance-based PhD program to gain COAMFTE accreditation. This coveted programmatic accreditation ensures that the NCU's marriage and family therapy (MFT) programs align with national accreditation standards and licensure requirements in most states, except Kansas and New Hampshire.

Department of Marriage and Family Sciences Programs*

- **Doctor of Philosophy in Marriage and Family Therapy** with 5 specializations
- **Doctorate of Marriage and Family Therapy** with 7 specializations
- **Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy** with 6 specializations
- **Post-Master's Certificate in Marriage and Family Therapy** with 5 specializations
- **Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Marriage and Family Therapy** with 6 specializations

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Department of Marriage and Family Therapy Honor Societies

Delta Kappa International is an honor society only open to COAMFTE accredited schools. Invitation to master's degree students is offered by NCU's Department of Marriage and Family Sciences.

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Department of Marriage and Family Sciences Mission

The Department of Marriage and Family Sciences provides personalized educational opportunities to students throughout the world that will allow them to acquire the knowledge, skills, and values integral to professional practice within the marriage and family sciences.

Department of Marriage and Family Sciences at a Glance

10 specializations across 5 relevant programs

16% of NCU students were in Department of Marriage and Family Sciences programs in 2016

66 Department of Marriage and Family Sciences professors

100% Doctoral Faculty

52 Weekly Course Starts

1 student paired with 1 doctoral professor in each course

97% licensure pass rate by NCU graduates (based on a 2016 NCU survey of 145 MAMFT alumni who graduated on or before April 21, 2016)

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