Northcentral University
Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Indian River State College & Northcentral University

This memorandum of understanding (hereinafter known as the "Agreement" or MOU) is established April 1, 2012, between Indian River State College (IRSC), 3209 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce, Florida 34981, and Northcentral University (Northcentral or the University), 10000 East University Drive, Prescott Valley, Arizona 86314. This Agreement formally recognizes IRSC and Northcentral as active educational partners, committed to providing greater educational opportunities and services for students entering Northcentral from IRSC.

PURPOSE

The primary purpose of this MOU is to ensure that IRSC students, faculty, and staff who desire to enroll at Northcentral University will be offered a channel through which to enroll in Northcentral masters and doctoral programs based on Northcentral's requirements listed in this Agreement. IRSC and Northcentral enter into this Agreement in the spirit of cooperation and mutually recognize each other as quality institutions of higher learning. Each institution, furthermore, is dedicated to serving students from all walks of life, regardless of religion, gender, disability, race, ethnicity, color, age, marital status, national origin, or other non-merit factors.

INSTITUTIONAL BACKGROUNDS

Indian River State College is an associate and baccalaureate degree-granting Institution. It is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, which is located in Decatur, Georgia. IRSC offers over 150 programs, including Bachelor's Degrees, Associate in Arts degree programs for university transfer, and Associate in Science degree programs for technical and career training. Full-service campuses are located throughout Florida in Fort Pierce, Stuart, Port St. Lucie, Vero Beach, and Okeechobee.

Northcentral University is a doctoral, master's, and baccalaureate degree-granting institution. It is regionally accredited through the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, which is located in Chicago, Illinois. Northcentral's School of Business and Technology Management also is accredited through the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs. Northcentral is a private, distance learning institution offering programs in Business and Technology Management, Behavioral and Health Sciences, and Education. The key modalities to Northcentral's approach to higher education are online learning and one-to-one faculty mentoring. Additionally, no physical residency or onsite campus requirements exist, and there are no GMAT, GRE, or other special entrance examinations required for enrollment.
OU ELEMENTS

Northcentral’s acceptance of degree programs held by IRSC students, faculty, and staff is based on the following criteria:

Master’s Degree Admission Requirements:
Admission to a Northcentral University master’s program requires a conferred bachelor’s degree from IRSC or another accredited institution of higher education.

Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies (CAGS) Admission Requirements:
Admission to a Northcentral University CAGS program requires a conferred master’s degree from an accredited institution of higher education.

Doctoral Degree Admission Requirements:
Admission to a Northcentral University doctoral program requires a conferred master’s degree from an accredited institution of higher education.

Doctor of Business Administration (DBA):
• Applicants with a conferred master’s degree from an accredited institution will enter a 54 credit hour Doctor of Business Administration program.

Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration (Ph.D.):
• Applicants with a conferred master’s degree from an accredited institution NCU enter a 60 credit hour Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration program.

Doctor of Education (Ed.D.):
• Applicants with a conferred master’s degree from an accredited institution will enter a 54 credit hour Doctor of Education program.

Doctor of Philosophy in Education (Ph.D.):
• Applicants with a conferred master’s degree from an accredited institution will enter a 60 credit hour Doctor of Philosophy of Education program.

Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology (Ph.D.):
• Applicants with a master's degree in Psychology (any concentration or specialization) or a related field will enter a 60 credit hour doctoral program. See Section 11 of the 2012 (or most current) Northcentral University Catalog for a complete listing of related degrees in the School of Behavioral and Health Sciences.
• Applicants with a master's degree outside of the field of psychology may be responsible for completing as many as 15 credits of leveling courses, in addition to the 60 credit hours required (see Section 11 of the catalog for a complete listing of requirements).
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Doctor of Philosophy in Marriage and Family Therapy (Ph.D.):
- Applicants with a previously completed master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy (not Marriage and Family Counseling or any other mental health discipline) will enter the 72 credit hour Ph.D. program.
- Applicants with a completed master's degree in a clinical discipline (counseling, clinical psychology, social work, etc.) and who are licensed or license eligible (e.g. in the process of pursuing licensure) in a clinical discipline must have their prior transcripts evaluated in order to determine what leveling courses will be required (see Section 11 of the catalog for a complete listing of requirements).
- A current resume or curriculum vitae is required with all applications for admission into the Marriage and Family Therapy doctoral program.

Other Information:
- Additional requirements for the Northcentral University doctorate programs may be found at http://www.ncu.edu.

TERMS FOR PREFERRED TUITION AND ENROLLMENT FOR IRSC STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF

Tuition and Fees:

1. Northcentral will offer preferred tuition that is 10% lower than the current published rate during the year of enrollment to graduates who identify themselves as having completed an IRSC degree program.

2. Northcentral will offer preferred tuition that is 15% lower than the current published rate during the year of enrollment to all academically qualified IRSC faculty and staff.

3. IRSC understands that occasionally Northcentral will adjust its published tuition and fees (normally annually). Any Individual enrolled under this Agreement is responsible for the adjusted tuition and fees stated in the MOU.

1. Northcentral will waive the application fee for all IRSC students, faculty, and staff.

Enrollment:
Prospective students begin the enrollment process by completing the Northcentral University online application. Applications are completed directly on the Northcentral website and transmitted electronically to the University's enrollment department. Candidates enrolling into Marriage and Family Therapy programs may also be required to provide a resume and conduct an interview. Official transcripts of coursework at prior colleges and universities must be sent directly to Northcentral during the application process. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable for the application process. However, an official copy is required within 90 days of student's start date.
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IRSC Identification:

Northcentral University will establish and maintain codes that automatically identify any applicants from of SC who are, thereby, entitled to receive the student, faculty, and staff benefits identified herein and any future benefits that may be agreed upon.

POINTS OF CLARIFICATION

2. Northcentral has a sophisticated dissertation tracking system, online writing center, state-of-the-art electronic library, e-portfolio repository, and other electronic student services which aid in the successful completion of Northcentral University degrees.
1. Northcentral utilizes an open-enrollment system with weekly starts each Monday.
3. All faculty members teaching doctoral courses at Northcentral have terminal degrees from regionally accredited institutions.
4. Northcentral will provide academic advising to IRSC faculty, staff, and students enrolled in any Northcentral program. Additionally, the University will provide available and existing materials, catalogs, and other information to IRSC prospective students to facilitate their understanding of Northcentral's requirements and academic programs. Northcentral will advise any IRSC applicants or enrollees about the University's programs.
5. IRSC students enrolled in Northcentral programs must comply with all published leave of absence and continuous enrollment policies and procedures.

JOINT PARTNERSHIP OBLIGATIONS

Both IRSC and Northcentral agree to the following:

1. Each party agrees to promote this MOU and develop appropriate campaigns for marketing the programs.
   Both institutions will seek the written approval (email and facsimile may serve as written approval) for any advertising or publicity using the other institution's flame, logo, trademark, or other brand-specific marketing materials. Each institution will be responsible for the expenses associated with their respective marketing activities. Any travel associated with this Agreement or the marketing of the program will be borne by the respective party.

2. Each party will facilitate the electronic exchange of data and other information that will contribute to the enhancement and improvement of this agreement and promote effective cooperation between each university. The institutions will trade admissions, grades, and retention data after obtaining appropriate permission from the students involved and in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws.
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3. Each university agrees to provide direct links between their institutional websites, indicating the existence of this Agreement.

4. If and when changes occur with curriculum requirements, each party will be responsible for informing the other party of these details within 30 days of those changes.

TERMINATION & SEVERABILITY

This Agreement will commence on the date noted in paragraph one and will continue until it is terminated by either party by submitting written notification to the other party sixty (60) days prior to the identified cancellation date in order to protect applying and enrolled students. Once the termination becomes effective, no new students will be enrolled in programs pursuant to this Agreement, although students in Northcentral University programs pursuant to this Agreement at the time of the notice of termination is sent will be entitled to complete their degree programs in accordance with the stipulations in this Agreement. If any court of competent jurisdiction should determine any provision of this Agreement is invalid, such provision will be stricken, but the rest and remainder of the Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties as to the subject matter contained herein, and no other agreement between the parties shall in any way modify, alter, or amend this agreement, unless such modifications, alterations or amendments are in writing and signed by both parties.

POINTS OF CONTACT

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Original signed document on file in the IRSC Department of Articulation and Partnerships.