

# **NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE**

**Naperville, Illinois**

**2003-2004 Title II Report**

## **Mission:**

North Central College is a community of learners dedicated to preparing informed, involved, principled, and productive citizens and leaders over a lifetime

## **Teacher Preparation Programs:**

North Central College offers a specialized undergraduate program to prepare elementary and secondary education teachers. It is an experience-oriented teacher education program based on the liberal arts. The College offers eleven (11) baccalaureate programs leading to certification in Elementary Education, Art, English, Mathematics, Music Education, Physical Education, Science (designations in biology, chemistry, or physics, Social Science (designation in history), and Spanish. Programs at the master's level include Educational Leadership and Administration leading to the Type 75 General Administrative certificate.

## **Student Characteristics:**

Of the 2,458 students at North Central College, 1,765 are full-time undergraduate students, 200 are part-time undergraduates, and 372 are graduate students. Slightly more than half of the student body, 51%, are women. While 90% of the students are residents of Illinois, 10% are from out of state or from other countries. Minority students comprise 8% of the student body.

## **Admission Requirements:**

*Admission requirements for the Teacher Education Program:* a minimum 2.5 GPA overall, in the major, and in professional education; completion of EDN 100 with a minimum grade of "C" (2.0); completion of a minimum of nine credit hours in the major field; a minimum of a "C" (2.0) grade in all professional education courses; passing the Illinois Test of Basic Skills; declaration of major/minor; four year plan signed by student advisor; and transcript evaluation, if applicable.

*Requirements for admission to the Student Teaching Experience:* admission to the Teacher Education Program, a minimum 2.5 GPA overall and at the time of application; minimum 2.7 GPA in professional education courses by the end of the term prior to student teaching; a minimum of a "C" (2.0) grade in all professional education courses; and one letter of recommendation from a faculty person in the student's major.

## **Accreditation:**

The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools accredit North Central College. The Illinois State Board of Education approves all of the College's teacher preparation programs.

# **CONTEXTUAL INFORMATION**

## **Teacher Education Vision:**

The goal of the Department of Education is to prepare preservice and inservice teachers to facilitate the learning of all students. Four cornerstones form the foundation of the development of an effective facilitator of learning: knowledge and understanding of subject matter content, pedagogy, student characteristics, and the environmental context of learning.

## **Best Practices:**

- Through an innovative Liberal Arts curriculum at North Central College, all students participate in integrative and interdisciplinary studies that focus on global awareness and leadership, ethics, and values.
- The Teacher Education Program combines theory and practice in a series of field experiences in which students take on increasingly more teaching responsibility and are held to increasingly higher standards.
- Field experiences are integrated throughout the four-year program and 40 and 50-hour field experiences are supervised. Over thirty-five school districts provide placements for supervised student teaching.
- Classroom Management and Teaching the Exceptional Child are required courses for both the elementary and secondary program.
- A minor in reading is offered.
- Students seeking secondary certification major in an arts or science discipline and minor in secondary education.

**Program Information for North Central College  
2003-2004**

<b>S.1</b> Total number of students admitted into teacher preparation, all specializations, in academic year 2003-2004	171
<b>S.2</b> Number of students in supervised student teaching in academic year 2003-2004	157
<b>S.3</b> Number of faculty members who supervised student teachers:	
➤ <b>S.3A</b> Full-time faculty in professional education	2
➤ <b>S.3B</b> Part-time faculty in professional education but full-time in the institution	8
➤ <b>S.3C</b> Part-time faculty in professional education, not otherwise employed by the institution	14
<b>S.4</b> Total faculty student teaching supervisors	24
<b>S.5</b> Student teacher/faculty ratio (Divide total given in S.2 by the number given in S.4)	7:1
<b>S.6A</b> The average number of student teaching hours per week	40
<b>S.6B</b> The total number of weeks of supervised student teaching required	10
<b>S.7</b> Average total number of hours required	400