

May 3, 2005

Northcentral University

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Re: Articulation Agreement NCU/NCA

Dear Joe;

Enclosed is the Articulation Agreement that would offer your graduates, faculty and staff a tuition scholarship of 10% off tuition, up to \$2,000. I have enclosed 2 Memorandum of Understandings, (MOU), for signatures. Upon receiving one back our I will send advising materials. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. I look forward to developing a partnership that will be of benefit to both campuses.

Choosing a graduate school is an important life decision and I encourage you to take the time to visit our web site at www.ncu.edu to learn everything you can about Northcentral University. NCU offers Learners the opportunity to select from several specializations whether they are pursuing a Bachelor's, Masters Degree, M.Ed., Ed.D. or Ph.D. program of study.

In exchange for the tuition scholarship, we would ask that Nossi College of Art, (NCA) use its best efforts to inform graduates, faculty and staff of the existence of the Agreement with academic advisors, school newspapers and other sources as may be appropriate.

We currently have partnerships with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Lockheed Martin Corporation, many college school districts such as Maricopa Community College District in Arizona, just to name a few and are proud to add you to our list..

Northcentral University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association. You can verify our status on the Commission's website at www.higherlearningcommission.org by conducting a search by institution for "Northcentral University." The North Central Association is one of the six regional accrediting bodies recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. 800-621-7440.

Kind regards,



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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
NOSSI COLLEGE OF ART
AND
NORTHCENTRAL UNIVERSITY



INTRODUCTION

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) formally recognizes that Nossi College of Art (NCA) and Northcentral University (NCU) are active educational partners, committed to providing greater educational opportunities and services for students and employees. This commitment strongly supports the concept of seamless transfer that embraces the principle that transfer students should not be required to repeat competencies already achieved.

NCA and NCU enter into this MOU 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 race, ethnicity, religion, sex, disability, color, age, marital status, national origin or other non-merit factors.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this MOU is to enable students and employees from the Nossi College of Art to transfer to NCU's Bachelor's, Master's and Ph.D. degree programs to carry with them the credit they have already earned for as much relevant study as possible. This MOU provides a structure through which transfer articulation can be supported. NCA and NCU agree to the following principles, policies.

ADMISSION AND TRANSFER ELEMENTS

Graduate students from *Nossi College of Art* will be conditionally admitted and units with B or better grades may be conditionally accepted toward NCU's degrees on the condition that the Learner complete the first three courses with a B or better in order to demonstrate they are academically prepared for NCU's graduate work and likely therefore to complete successfully the requirements of a NCU degree.

OBLIGATIONS OF NORTHCENTRAL UNIVERSITY

NCU will provide materials, catalogs and other information to NCA upon request, to facilitate their understanding of university requirements and academic programs. NCU will provide advising for applicants to the NCU programs and for students who enroll in these programs.

JOINT OBLIGATIONS

NCU intends to promote this MOU by listing NCA as a partner school on the NCU Web Site and will publish a special "Landing Page" as a doorway for NCA's students and employees. NCA hereby agrees to provide a direct link between its institutional Web site (if such site exists) and the NCU site, indicating the existence of this MOU and the transfer elements in order to advise students and facilitate transfer.

NCA agrees to use its best efforts to inform its students and employees of the existence of the partnership. NCU agrees to offer tuition scholarships to NCA employees as outlined in the ADDENDUM.

EVALUATION OF THE PARTNERSHIP

There will be an annual evaluation process of the partnership supported by this MOU. However, both parties have the option to conduct a review in response to curricular changes and other institutional changes and conditions. The party initiating such change will communicate it in a timely manner to the other party. The information obtained from this evaluation will be used to improve the transfer process for the benefit of students.

LONGEVITY OF THE AGREEMENT

This MOU is in perpetuity or until it is discontinued by either partner by submitting written notification to the other partner one year prior to the identified cancellation date in order to protect all students.

CHANGES TO THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT

This MOU will remain in force until such time as the curriculum of a degree program changes or other admissions practices change or NCA request a reconsideration of one or more points. There are to be no changes to the terms of this MOU and/or to the ADDENDUM without a written change signed by the respective officers of each institution in authority to execute such changes.

Nossi College of Art
Nossi Vandoost, President

Northcentral University
Dr. Donald Hecht, President

Nossi Vandoost 5/17/05
Date

Claudia Spitzer 4/28/05
Date
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ADDENDUM TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
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AND

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Scholarship Information: NCU offers tuition scholarships to applicants who identify themselves as coming from NCA in the amount of 10% off tuition, up to \$2,000, to be taken off the tuition amount each semester.

Costs to Employees: Tuition charges are reviewed annually and are subject to change. The application fee is \$50.

Registration: Students enroll by filling out the online application. Online applications are completed directly on the NCU Web Site and transmitted electronically to NCU.

Priority Code: NCU has established the priority code "NCA" that automatically identifies the applicant as coming from NCA and thereby entitles to receive the student service benefits identified herein, and any future benefits that may be agreed upon. NCU will establish and maintain a separate Web "Landing Page" (www.ncu.edu/nca) to facilitate access by applicants from NCA.

Tuition and Fees: Current tuition and fees can be viewed at http://www.ncu.edu/university_information/tuition_and_fees.asp.

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