Rio Salado College and Northcentral University
Bachelor of Education
Pathway to Teacher Certification
B.Ed.
How the Community Colleges are taking the lead in preparing tomorrow teachers.

Rio Salado College one of the 10 Maricopa Community Colleges in Arizona
Outline

- Rio Salado College history in Teacher Education
- Partnership. 90/30 or 3+1 Teacher Education Program
- Rio Salado and Northcentral journey to gain a State Approved Program with the Department of Education
- Program highlights
- Academic Responsibility to our community
- Student Benefits
- Shared collaboration between institutions
- Student Data
How can a Community College provide a Teacher Preparation program?

In 1998 AZ Revised State Board of Education rules and regulations R7-2-602 allows community colleges to provide teacher prep programs.
Rio Salado History (1978) of Teacher Education

- Endorsements 2000
- Post Bacc Programs 2001
- Master’s Program 2002
- Bachelor’s pathway 2002
Rio’s Criteria for Partnership

- Partner who provides Distance Learning
- Institution with compatible philosophy
  - Flexible, student centered
- Rio to provide the teacher education component
- University with Integrity
- Located Northcentral University – Main campus in Prescott, Arizona
- Academic Administrative Center, Scottsdale AZ
- For-profit institution
MISSIONS

- **Rio Salado College**: Rio Salado College transforms the learning experience through:
  - Choice, Access, and Flexibility;
  - Customized, High Quality Learning Design;
  - Personalized Service and Organizational Responsiveness.

- **Northcentral University**: Northcentral University educates professionals throughout the world and provides an accessible opportunity to earn a U.S. Regionally Accredited Degree.
  - Northcentral mentors students one-to-one with highly credentialed faculty via advanced delivery modalities.
  - Northcentral commits to helping students achieve academically and become valuable contributors to their communities and within their professions.
Pathway Journey

2002
- Began design stage

2003
- NCU
- HLC approval

2004
- RSC
- Began offering courses

2009
- Applied for ADE Program Approval

2011
- ADE site visit in Prescott
Official State Board Approval February 27, 2012  (began 2009)

Student Handbook

2012-2014

A unique, innovative, one-of-a-kind Teacher Preparation Program, which allows students to complete three years of teacher training at the community college level and then transfer to a university partner for one final year of the course work to complete a bachelor’s degree.
Pathways to teacher certification

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Program Highlights

- General Education Core – Community College/Rio Salado
  - Academic Foundation
  - Students may apply for an Associate in Arts Degree-Completions agenda
    - 64 credits or more
- Secondary Students have additional 24 credits in content (Major)
- Rio Salado - Teacher Education course work – Level I Foundations, Level II methods and Level III student teaching – (mirrors Post-bacc program)
- Rio Salado - Student Teaching – Option A or Option B
- Northcentral – 30 credits of Upper Division, issues IR and awards the B.Ed.
Rio Salado Teacher Education Courses

- Delivery - online (Distance Learning)
- Hands on experience in the K-12 classroom
- Field Experience hours in each course – prior to student teaching
  - Elementary – 160 hrs
  - Secondary - 130
  - Special Education – 175
  - Student teaching – 9 weeks full-time 340 hrs
In-Person Components

- Field Experiences (5 – 30 hours)
- Master Teacher Seminars
- Testing
- Student Teaching
Field Experiences
(5 – 30 hours)

1. Obverse mentor teacher
2. Tutor 1:1 children who need help
3. Teach lesson according to content area and current course
Virtual Field Experiences

Courses available in 8 or 14 weeks

- Created in Support of site-based classroom instruction
- Only offered through Rio Salado College Teacher Education Programs
- WOW Award by the Western Cooperative for Educational Telecommunication
Student Teaching Options

Option A

- RSC General Education coursework
- RSC EDU coursework
  - Level I
  - Level II

Rio Salado
Student Teaching

Northcentral

Option B

- RSC General Education coursework
- RSC EDU coursework
  - Level I
  - Level I

Northcentral

Rio Salado
Student Teaching
Northcentral Coursework

- Ten Courses
- Focus on leadership skills
- Elementary, Secondary and Special Education Specializations
- Field Experience in the Instructional Paradigms and Technology and Assessment of Student Learning courses
- Enhance knowledge, competency, and professional skill sets
- Dynamics of Schooling, Foundations of School Leadership, Role of Teacher Leader, School and Family Partnerships, Safe Schools, School as a Learning Community, Teaching as Reflective Practice
Program Benefits

- Cost effectiveness for the student
- Rio Salado continues to offer what they do best
- NCU continues to offer what they do best – upper div
- Collaboration between institutions
- Provides a model for the future in Teacher Education
Approximate full-time annual tuition comparison based on two 12-credit semesters. Verification with your academic advisor is recommended.

*$18,600 includes full 90 credits at Rio Salado College plus 30 credits at NCU

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<td>(90 credits x $76 + 30 credits x $377)</td>
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Prices subject to change.
Academic Responsibility

- Rio Salado is charged to provide Academic Excellence
- Students must be prepared to teach our children
- Students must be able to pass the State Subject Knowledge exam
- Teacher Education – must pass the NES Assessment of Professional Knowledge
- NCU provides upper level Education Leadership courses
RSC /NCU was charged with the following for State Board Approval
Program Changes/Challenges

- Seamless transition viewed as one institution
- Rubric’s for Field Experience and Signature Assignments
- Aligned all RSC/NCU courses to INTASC, NETS and CEC standards adopted 6/28/10 (submitted 2009)
- Reviewed 38 different courses
- Tracking system student progress (TaskStream)
- Title II reporting for Teacher Certification programs
Field Experience Signature Assignment

This assignment consists of three parts:

- 2A is the Field Experience Behavioral Case Study and Action Plan (100 points)
- 2B is the Field Experience Observation Critical Thinking Questions (100 points)
- 2C is the Field Experience Verification and Performance-Based Field Experience Mentor Teacher Assessment Tool (Pass/Fail)
NCU Field Experience Courses

- Continued Field Experience for students
- Rio Salado places Field Experiences for NCU
- Students register for a Non-Credit shell matching NCU course prefixes
RSC/NCU Systems used for a Smooth Transition

Electronic Student File
• (ESF)
  • RioLearn – Services – student services
  • Student check sheet
  • Institutional notations

Share point site
• Communicate with NCU
  • RR = Rio Recommendation
  • IR – final submission
  • Document sharing
Electronic Student File Demo

and

Share Point site
NCU Students by Today's Age Range for Courses Starting After 8/1/2011

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Data

Students who have not been formally admitted but have taken courses within the past 12 months and recently indicated they are interested in NCU

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23 students are currently enrolled at NCU
22 students have received IR from NCU in 2013-2014
It takes all of us to make this program successful -

- Faculty Chair, Deans
- Directors of Teacher Education
- Adjunct Faculty
- Liaisons
- Department staff
- Student Services
- Rio Salado College support
- NCU RSC Team

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, CONCERNS?