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Since the center opened its doors two years ago, students from the area have been able to access course work and degree programs closer to home and at GSU's affordable tuition rates. The NEC currently offers bachelor's degree completion programs in Psychology and Criminal Justice as well as a Master of Arts in Educational Administration.

The Governors State University Naperville Education Center is located at 2244 W. 95th Street, Naperville. For more information about the GSU NEC and plans for additional course offerings and degree programs, call (630) 428.3375 or visit [www.govst.edu/nec](http://www.govst.edu/nec).