



## **ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE IN PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT**

### ***Program Mission***

The mission of the associate degree program in Physical Therapist Assistant at National University College is to educate and prepare entry-level physical therapist assistants to be competent and caring health providers working under the direction of a physical therapist. The program strives to foster technical, professional, communication, logical and clinical reasoning skills in its students.

The program promotes and encourages learning, the continuous search for new knowledge, and commitment to serving their profession and community. Graduates of the physical therapist assistant program will be prepared to work in different clinical settings. The curriculum is designed to develop knowledgeable graduates who are competent in the delivery of therapeutic interventions and promotion of health to improve the function of clients regardless of age, culture, or socioeconomic background.

### ***Program Vision***

The Program aims to become the first choice for students interested in pursuing an associate degree as a physical therapist assistant through a program of academic excellence that meets the diverse and emerging health care needs in Puerto Rico and other countries and has an impact on future trends in the practice of physical therapy.

### ***Program Philosophy***

The program firmly believes in a quality education that allows students to develop the needed professional knowledge and clinical skills to work as a physical therapist assistant under the direction of a physical therapist according to the laws and guidelines that regulate the profession. The program has a legal, ethical, and moral commitment to the community and the profession to educate students who will demonstrate excellence as they seek to improve the quality of life of those in their care.

### ***Program Description***

The program aims to prepare the student in the physical therapy area under the supervision of a physical therapist. The curriculum integrates theoretical knowledge, the development of technical skills and clinical experiences necessary for the formation of a competent professional with ethical attitudes who will be committed to the profession and society.