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PROUD TO BE A VETERAN-FOUNDED NONPROFIT

National University is a San Diego-based nonprofit founded in 1971 by retired U.S. Navy Capt. David Chigos. Our mission is to provide accessible, achievable higher education to adult learners, offering flexible four-week classes across over 100 on-campus and online programs. Today, we're San Diego's largest private nonprofit university, educating students from all 50 states and 65 countries.

As a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI), we're dedicated to serving a diverse population of students. Thirty percent of our student body is active-duty military servicemembers and veterans, and 82 percent of our undergraduates transfer to NU from other colleges and universities. Since our founding, our alumni community has grown to over 165,000 worldwide.

“At National University, I found the flexibility I needed to earn my degree while serving in the military.”

Brad R., Class of 2018
Military Servicemember

NU is the flagship institution of the National University System, established in 2001 to meet the emerging demands for education in the 21st century. In addition to NU, the affiliates of the National University System are John F. Kennedy University, City University of Seattle, National University Virtual High School, National University Academy, and the Sanford Education Programs at National University, designed to develop educators and nonprofit leaders so they can lead inspirational programs worldwide.

OUR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

At National University, you'll find programs offered by three colleges. No matter which degree program you choose, our faculty members are experts practicing in their fields. In fact, over 80 percent of full-time faculty hold terminal degrees.

SANFORD COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

The Sanford College of Education offers over 50 on-campus and online certificates, credentials, and degree programs. NU has recommended more candidates for teaching credentials in California than any other university in the state. Programs include teacher education, special education, school counseling and psychology, and education administration.

COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCES

With departments covering arts and humanities, math and natural sciences, psychology, and social sciences, the College of Letters and Sciences offers a true liberal arts education. Bachelor's and master's degrees include English, Spanish, strategic communications, film studies, creative writing, mathematics, biology, forensic sciences, psychology, performance psychology, organizational behavior, global studies, history, interdisciplinary studies, political science, and sociology.

COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

The diverse programs offered by the College of Professional Studies are designed to prepare students for fields in a wide variety of fields, including accounting, engineering, criminal justice, and healthcare. Bachelor's and master's programs include criminal justice administration, MBA, homeland security and emergency management, and public administration, as well as creative fields such as digital cinema, digital journalism, film and digital design, and professional screenwriting.

The Division of Extended Learning offers professional training to support students' ongoing development and give businesses the tools they need to gain a competitive edge. Additionally, the National University Polytechnic Institute offers a certificate in marine technology for those pursuing a professional diving career.

In any of these programs, you'll learn from experienced faculty using innovative teaching tools and applications, and gain the knowledge and skills needed to pursue or advance in the field of your choosing.



Jennifer Z., Class of 2017

Francisco R., Class of 2016
Military Veteran

DEDICATED TO THE MILITARY

As a veteran-founded Military Friendly® School, National University is committed to serving those who serve. We're proud to offer flexible four-week classes online, on campus, and on base, as well as tuition discounts to military personnel and their dependents. Military students have access to dedicated support services from our Veteran Center, established to ease the transition from military to civilian life. The center is also home to the National University Student Veteran Organization (NUSVO), which provides opportunities for student veteran professional development and leadership. As a Yellow Ribbon school, we accept the post 9/11 GI Bill®, so veteran and active-duty students pay virtually no out-of-pocket costs for their education.

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government website at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill>.



BENEFITS OF NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

NONPROFIT UNIVERSITY

As a private, nonprofit institution, we're proud to put our students first, reinvesting in quality education, experienced faculty, and student resources and services, like the library, computer labs, on-campus classrooms, and online learning technologies.

FOUR-WEEK CLASSES

Our flexible four-week class format allows you to focus on one subject at a time and balance school with life's obligations, like careers, family, and military service. A typical semester-long course can be completed in just one month, so you can finish your degree faster than at a traditional university.

ON CAMPUS AND ONLINE

Classes are available on campus, online, or a combination of both, so you can fit education into your life. Attend class during the day or in the evening at one of over 20 locations in California and Nevada. If you need more flexibility, take classes online when and where it's convenient for you.

YEAR-ROUND ENROLLMENT

You don't have to wait until next year or even next semester to enroll in classes. At NU, our classes start monthly, so you can start earning your degree as early as next month. We don't believe in delaying your success or putting your dreams on a waiting list.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

National University removes the barriers between you and what you want to achieve. Our admissions process is streamlined with minimal paperwork and accelerated entry. Depending on your GPA, many of our graduate degree programs do not require you to take the GREs.

TRANSFER FRIENDLY

Our goal is to make transferring to NU as seamless as possible, whether you're coming from a community college or have credits from another university. As a transfer-friendly school, we have articulation agreements with more than 110 community colleges and participate in the CCC-ADT program, so you get the credit you deserve.

ACCREDITATION

National University is regionally accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC). Accreditation ensures our university meets the highest standards of quality in education.

VETERAN FOUNDED

Since our founding in 1971 by retired U.S. Navy Capt. David Chigos, we've been dedicated to providing flexible degree programs to veterans and military servicemembers, both at home and abroad. To support our mission, we established the Veteran Center in San Diego, and we're also located on over a dozen military bases nationwide.

“The four-week class format allows me to focus on one class at a time and finish my degree faster.”

N'dea M., Class of 2018

STUDENT SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

At National University, you're part of a family. As a student, you'll have the support of staff, faculty members, students, and alumni who will be there with you every step of the way, cheering you on as you pursue your goals.

ADVISORS

Enrolling in a university is a big decision. Our team of advisors will guide you through the admissions process, help you choose your classes, and support you from the day you begin your classes to the day you graduate.

CAREER SERVICES

Our career team is dedicated to helping students and alumni identify and fulfill their career goals by offering career counseling, résumé and cover letter review, mock interviews, career fairs, and online workshops. In addition, the NU online job portal connects you with employers and enables you to easily apply for open positions and internship opportunities.

STUDENT CONCIERGE SERVICES

Have a question regarding your financial aid, the admissions process, or changing your class schedule? National University student concierge advocates are available every day from 7 a.m. to midnight PST to answer all of your inquiries.

TECH SUPPORT

Having trouble logging into your online class or remembering your password? Call or email our help desk with any of your technical issues and questions, and we'll get you back on track.

LIBRARY

The National University System Library supports academic rigor and student success. Whether you take classes on campus or online, you'll have access to a variety of digital and printed resources, including books, journals, and videos.

ON-CAMPUS PERKS

NU has over 20 campus locations across California and in Nevada, many of which feature student lounges, computer labs, and writing and math centers.

ONLINE PERKS

Taking an online class is engaging, informative, and fun. Our online courses feature assignments such as lectures, readings, multimedia presentations, and quizzes, plus real-time chat, threaded discussions, e-textbooks, an assignment dropbox, and a bulletin board. Students can access their class schedules, grades, and academic and financial aid information via the student web portal.

“My advisors and faculty were very supportive. They guided me in the direction that I needed to finish the program.”

Jaime L., Class of 2014
Military Veteran





FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES

FIND THE RESOURCES YOU NEED TO PAY FOR COLLEGE

Cost is a big factor for adults who are thinking about going back to school. At National University, our financial aid team is ready to help you understand the cost of your education and secure the resources you need to pay for college.

Approximately 65 percent of our students receive some form of financial assistance, including grants and loans, such as the TEACH Grant, Pell Grant, Federal Perkins Loan, and WD Ford Direct Loan. Students can also apply for our various scholarship opportunities, awarded based on financial need and academic achievement.

When you speak with one of our dedicated financial aid advisors, they'll help you determine the cost of your program, complete your online FAFSA application, find all the aid you're eligible for, and remember all application deadlines. They'll also assist you in setting a realistic budget to get you through college and understanding your payment options after you graduate.

Trying to navigate the financial aid process on your own can be confusing, but our financial aid advisors will be there to support and guide you so you don't miss out on any tuition savings.

Scholarships offered by National University include:

- Veterans' Victory Scholarship: Up to \$5,000 to help veteran students meet educational goals
- Law Enforcement Scholarship: 25 percent tuition discount (up to \$16,500) to law enforcement professionals for any degree program, plus a 10 percent discount (up to \$6,500) for their dependents
- Military Tuition Scholarship: Up to \$2,500 for eligible military personnel, spouses, and dependents
- Associate Degree for Transfer Pathways: Transfer-friendly bachelor's programs for approximately \$7,000 per year with the California Community Colleges-Associate Degree for Transfer (CCC-ADT) program. Transfer associate degrees are eligible for the transfer pricing.
- Transfer to Success Scholarship: Up to \$5,000 to community college transfer students who want to earn a bachelor's degree
- Collegiate Honor Award: Up to \$2,000 to students who have demonstrated exceptional scholastic achievement and are in financial need
- Presidential Tuition Scholarship: Up to \$2,500 to eligible undergrad transfer students who are financially disadvantaged
- Organizational Partnerships: Tuition reduction for employees

“Do this because you want to and not for anyone else. People can take material things from you — but not your education.”

Sothary C., Class of 2016

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

Over 150,000 alumni have graduated from National University, many of whom have continued on to achieve other important milestones in their careers and communities. Accomplishments include 100 alumni in school districts throughout California who were named district Teacher of the Year and 15 alumni who were named California Teacher of the Year. Additionally, at least a dozen National University alumni are current or previous police chiefs, and the former mayor of Escondido and former mayor of San Diego are NU graduates.



Maria Rosa M., Class of 2017
Military Servicemember



AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

Students can expect a high-quality education from National University due to leading-edge programs, knowledgeable and dedicated faculty, and exceptional support services. Since our founding, we have achieved several distinctions that reflect our commitment to our students.

In 2016, over 94 percent of our nursing students passed the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX) on the first try.² We have also prepared more California teachers for credentialing than any other single institution of higher education for the past 16 years¹ — plus we currently hold student teaching agreements with over 1,000 districts.

“Education has given me the confidence to face challenges that come along with being a leader.”

D’Andre L., Class of 2017

Our university has also received numerous recognitions for excellence, including being one of eight schools in California designated by the National Security Administration as a Center for Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education.

Designated as a Yellow Ribbon School, NU is a winner of the prestigious Ray Ehrensberger Award for Excellence in Military Education and the William Kennedy Award by the Council of Colleges and Military Educators for outstanding service in military education. In addition, NU was named a Best Value College by Money Magazine and ranked in the Top 20 of accredited colleges and universities that offer online programs, according the Online Education Database.

ACCREDITATION

Accreditation ensures universities have been properly evaluated and validated by education authorities. National University is proud to be regionally accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC). In addition, NU is:

- Accredited by the National Council on the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) for educator preparation programs
- Approved by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC)
- Accredited by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN)
- Approved by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
- Designated as a Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education (CAE CDE) for the Master of Science in Cyber Security
- Approved by the American Bar Association (ABA) for the Bachelor of Science in Paralegal Studies, Associate of Science in Paralegal Studies, and Paralegal Specialist Certificates
- Accredited by the Council on Education in Public Health (CEPH) for the Master of Public Health
- Accredited by the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE) for National University's business programs
- Accredited by the Council on Accreditation for Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA) for the Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia
- Accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) for the Bachelor of Science in Radiation Therapy
- Approved by the Nevada State Department of Education
- Certified by the Society of Human Resource Management for the Master of Arts in Human Resource Management
- Approved by the Association of Commercial Diving Educators (ACDE) for the Professional Certificate in Marine Technology

“The skills and knowledge I gained helped push me to the top of job applicant lists.”

Maxwell S., Class of 2016

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