

Doctoral-Level Certificate in Strengths-Oriented Higher Education

NOTE: The Certificate in Strengths-Oriented Higher Education is not admitting new students for the 2024-2025 academic year.

The PhD in Higher Education program offers a 10-unit Doctoral-Level Certificate in Strengths-Oriented Higher Education (<https://www.apu.edu/bas/programs/strengths-certificate/>). Designed for educators and leaders who wish to deepen their knowledge and application of a strengths development model to their work in higher education, the certificate consists of three courses.

Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Opening Course		
HED 701	Strengths-Oriented Leadership	4
Choose from the following:		
HED 705	Student Access, Equity, and Success in College	4
- OR -		
HED 724	Teaching, Learning, and Assessment in Higher Education	4
Concluding Course		
HED 761	Strengths-Oriented Research and Programming	2
Total Units		10

This program is offered on the Azusa campus, comprising two weeks in January and two weeks in July, and program participants join existing cohorts of doctoral students in their classes. The doctoral credits from the certificate may be transferred to any other university. Participants must have a master's degree or higher with a GPA of at least 3.0 at the graduate level to be eligible for admission to this program and must complete all certificate courses with a *B-* or above.

If you have questions about this program, email doctoralhighered@apu.edu.

Admission

University graduate admission and program-specific requirements must be met before an application is complete (see Admission to the University (<http://catalog.apu.edu/admissions/>)). **Program-specific application requirements are available online (<https://www.apu.edu/graduateprofessional/apply/>).**

International students should contact Graduate and Professional Admissions (<https://www.apu.edu/graduateprofessional/apply/>) for application procedures.