# The APU Online Learning Experience

At APU, a solid curriculum is supported by many student and graduate resources.



We emphasize a culture of assessment and student engagement at APU. As a result, our students have access to relevant curriculum and are part of a broader academic community taught by scholar-practitioners who engage them every step of the way. This holistic approach creates a rich learning experience that starts at the point of enrollment and extends well beyond graduation.

Karan Powell, Ph.D. | Provost

# academic quality snapshot

**American Public University (APU)** is a distinguished leader providing affordable, quality online education to motivated students worldwide. When you choose APU, you join a community of students, alumni, and faculty—each dedicated to their profession and to lifelong learning.

#### Accredited

American Public University is part of American Public University System, which is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (www.hlcommission.org, 312-263-0456). HLC accredits more than 1,000 colleges and universities including University of Chicago, Ohio State University, U.S. Air Force Academy, Northwestern University, and University of Michigan.

#### **Faculty of Scholars and Practitioners**

The faculty at American Public University is diverse, experienced, and dedicated. More than 700 of our faculty have doctorates and Ph.D.s from leading state and private universities. Many are widely recognized for published research and speaking forums in their respective fields—including Dr. Alan Hale (co-discoverer of the Hale-Bopp Comet), five former astronauts, and senior leaders at Fortune 500 companies. Read more about the credentials of our distinguished faculty at: www.StudyAtAPU.com/faculty.

#### **Committed to Academic Assessment**

At APU, we believe you measure what you value—and we value our students' success. You can be assured of a high caliber education because we systematically measure what our students are learning. This enables us to offer a quality and timely curricula. We have an overall commitment to continual improvement:

- We are a member of the Academy for Assessment of Student Learning of the Higher Learning Commission.
- We use national benchmarks to measure effectiveness including the National Survey for Student Engagement, Community of Inquiry survey, Proficiency Profile, and Major Field Tests.
- Our students score above the national average for the Proficiency Profile test in all subject areas including math, writing, reading, critical thinking, humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences.
- We partner with industry advisory councils to review our programs and ensure students receive career-relevant education.

#### **Global Student Community**

Our student community is supportive and engaging. Students are actively involved in academic clubs, professional organizations, and social media communities including a virtual campus hub where students connect, socialize, and network.

# undeniable value quality education

# The Student Experience

94% of seniors would recommend us to a friend or colleague\*

96% of seniors evaluated their experience as positive\*\* 89% of seniors at all other schools evaluated their experience as positive\*\*

95% of seniors say they would choose us again\*\*

67% helped open doors for new job opportunities, including promotions\*

\*American Public University System, Alumni Survey, January 2012- December 2012. \*\* National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), 2012.

### Foundation for Success

Our university and faculty members are invested in building a solid foundation for students to make the next step in their academic journey. Our graduates have gone on to programs at the following esteemed universities:

- Penn State World Campus
- Clemson University Strom Thurmond Institute of Government & Public Affairs
- Loyola University (New Orleans) College of Law
- Tufts University Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy
- University of Denver Sturm College of Law

- Kennedy School of Government Harvard University
- Howard University School of Law
- University of Cincinnati School of Criminal Justice
- University of Mississippi School of Law
- University of Michigan Law School

# With Honors

At APU, university and student honors go hand-in-hand. Here are just a few examples:

- We've been nationally recognized by the Online Learning Consortium (OLC) as the only three-time recipient of the Online Learning **Consortium Effective Practice Award.**
- Our bachelor's programs have been named to U.S. News & World Report's ranking of top online degree programs for the second consecutive year.
- In 2013, 16 of our graduate students were named as finalists for the Presidential Management Fellows Program—making American Public University System the top ranking online university and sixth highest among all universities.
- Graduates have been honored as White House Fellows, one of the nation's most prestigious programs for leadership and public service.

