



Eastern Kentucky University is a nationally recognized public university located in Richmond, Kentucky. ECU began offering online degrees in 2006 and continues to service students with both on-campus and online offerings.

100% Online Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

ECU's online doctor of nursing practice (DNP) with a concentration in Organizational Leadership prepares students to innovate, lead change, and improve health outcomes for patients and populations. Unlike a research focused degree, ECU's respected program is practice focused. It equips students with the tools they need and guides them through real-world implementation and evaluation of evidence-based practice improvements. ECU's DNP curriculum is nationally-accredited and centered on evidence-based practice, quality improvement, and organizational leadership. It meets the needs of nurses in a variety of settings who desire to practice at the highest level.



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ONLINE



\$716 PER
CREDIT HOUR

OTHER NURSING DEGREES & CERTIFICATES

- RN to BSN
- MS Nursing – Rural Health Family Nurse Practitioner
- MS Nursing – Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Post-MSN Certificate – Family Nurse Practitioner
- Post-MSN Certificate – Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

 [EKU Online Doctor of Nursing Practice \(DNP\)](#)

BENEFITS

- Free textbooks for all students with [EKU BookSmart](#)
- Accelerated 8-week terms
- No campus visits required
- Individualized mentorship for your DNP project and your future career success
- Personalized advising from application through graduation
- DNP projects that can be completed in your organization or community
- Faculty trained in evidence-based practice who follow nationally-recognized standards for best practices in online learning
- Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* among the top 50 best online graduate nursing programs in the country

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CORE COURSES

Analytical Methods for EBP - NSC 905

Description and analysis of quantitative data using statistical and graphical methods for purposes of evidence-based practice.

Theoretical Application for DNP - NSC 940

Theoretical perspectives, integration of nursing science, and the interrelationships among theory, research, and evidence-based nursing practice will be explored, emphasizing strategies for knowledge and theory development, evaluation, and application.

Healthcare Delivery Informatics - NSC 942

Focuses on theoretical basis of information systems in healthcare, impact of informatics on clinical practice and administrative decision-making, and strategies to evaluate and improve use of information technology in health care.

Health Policy - NSC 950

Analysis of the policy process in order to develop advanced nursing leadership skills for designing, implementing, and evaluating health policy.

Organizational Leadership - NSC 954

Explores theoretical foundations of leadership with an organization systems perspective. Examine principles of organizational systems, quality improvement, dimensions of healthcare/ organizations, and human resource management.

Management of Health Care Resource - NSC 960

Examines healthcare resources and their relationship to clinical practice, to solve problems/issues pertaining to healthcare delivery. Students are expected to have a basic understanding of economic and financial concepts utilized to examine these issues.

Synthesizing Evidence for DNP - NSC 990

Translate scientific nursing knowledge into complex interventions to improve practice and health outcomes.

Implementation Methods for DNP - NSC 992

Translate scientific multi-disciplinary knowledge into complex interventions to improve practice and health outcomes in the development of a proposal to enhance evidence-based practice.

EKU GRADUATE CATALOG

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Organizational Leadership: DNP Experience I - NSC 900

Explore issues pertinent to role transition and role assimilation for the DNP graduate.

Organizational Leadership: DNP Experience II - NSC 901

Provides an opportunity for synthesis of evidence-based theoretical concepts to incorporate into practice.

DNP Project - NSC 994

Translate a body of evidence-based research in the implementation of a project to improve practice and health outcomes. Candidates are required to satisfactorily complete and present a DNP project before they are eligible to graduate from the program. Students must have documentation of a minimum of 1,000 total clinical hours completed beyond the BSN. Hours required to be completed at EKU will be assessed upon admission to the DNP Program and a plan of study developed accordingly.

TOTAL HOURS...32-38

Required hours will be individually evaluated on a planned program of study for each student, depending on academic background and career goals.

What can I do with this degree?

CAREER OUTLOOK

The ECU DNP Degree prepares nurses for the highest levels of practice. Practice, as defined by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), may include, but is not limited to, direct patient care, organizational leadership, policy development, and other essential nursing roles. Career opportunities include nurse executive, clinical nursing management, health systems leadership, quality improvement coordinator, nursing care coordination, nurse practitioner and health systems policy development.

Job Opportunities Include:

- Nurse Executive
- Clinical Nursing Management
- Health Systems Leadership
- Quality Improvement Coordinator
- Nursing Care Coordination
- Nurse Practitioner & Health Systems Policy Development

[SALARY ESTIMATES](#)

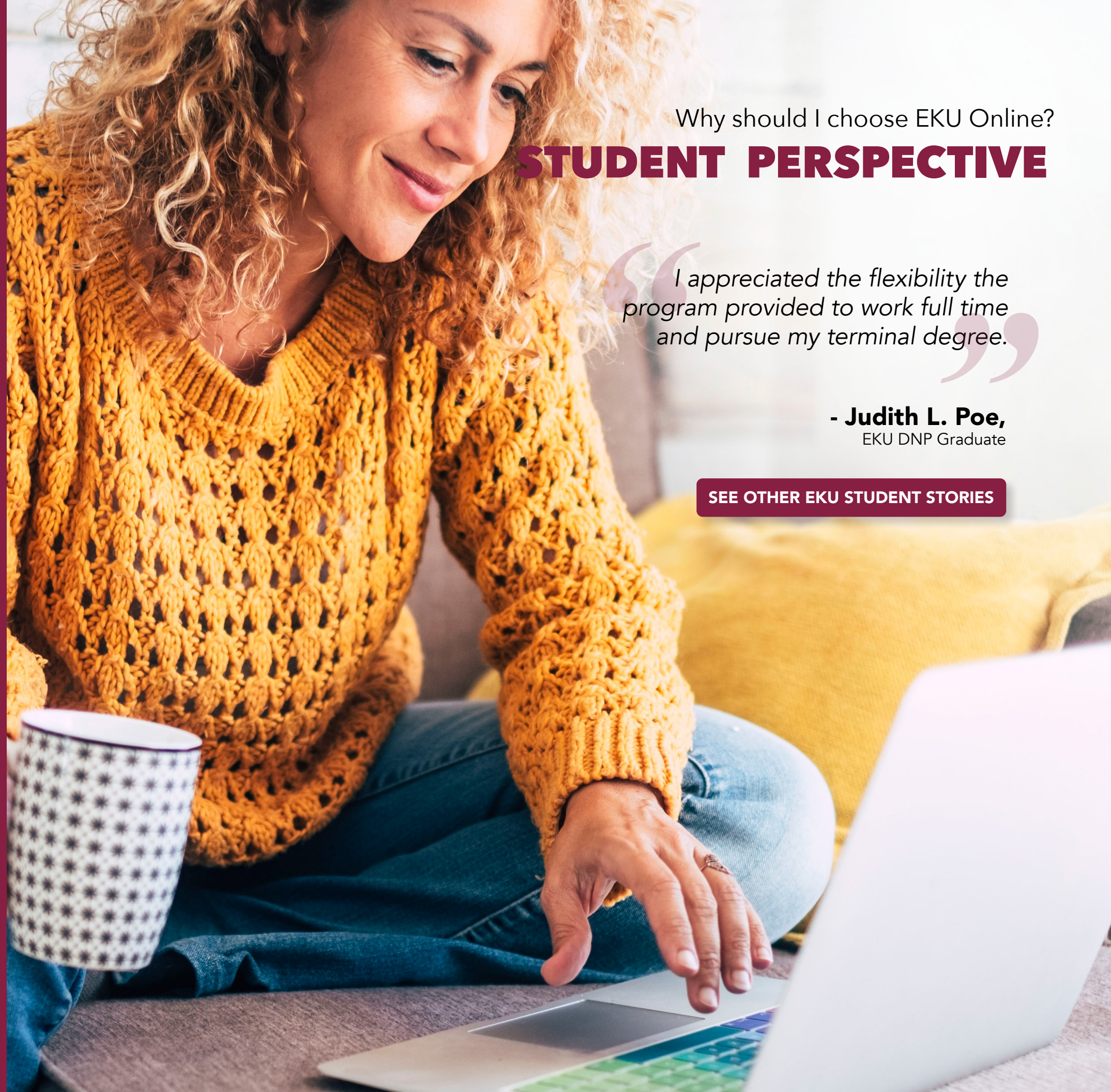
Why should I choose ECU Online?

STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

I appreciated the flexibility the program provided to work full time and pursue my terminal degree.

- Judith L. Poe,
ECU DNP Graduate

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Can I afford to go back to school?

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

Paying for school doesn't have to be overwhelming. Almost everyone, regardless of income, can qualify for some form of financial aid. We're here to help you learn about available options and what may be right for your unique situation.

- Grants
- Federal Loans
- Private Loans
- Military Benefits
- Departmental Scholarships
- Outside Scholarships
- Foundation Scholarships
- Employer Tuition Reimbursement

MORE FINANCIAL AID INFO

Questions about financial aid?

Big E Central

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EKU Online offers a range of scholarships designed to address the financial needs of our students, lower the overall cost of attendance and reward a student's scholastic achievements.

EKU UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Start Strong Scholarship Fund (undergraduate programs only)

The Start Strong Scholarship provides up to \$2,000 per year of need-based scholarship funds for newly admitted undergraduate students. Candidates must have a completed FAFSA application, but are not required to be eligible for FAFSA awarded funding.

Stay Strong Scholarship Fund (undergraduate programs only)

The Stay Strong Scholarship provides up to \$1,000 per year of need-based scholarship funds for qualified undergraduate students who have completed two semesters with EKU Online and have earned a 3.5 GPA or higher their previous semester. Candidates must have a completed FAFSA application, but are not required to be eligible for FAFSA awarded funding.

Omega Nu Lambda Honor Society Scholarship Fund

In recognition of your accomplishments as an online student, Omega Nu Lambda Honor Society provides members with an opportunity to apply for a scholarship in both fall and spring. Fall scholarships are announced in November and spring are announced in April.

EKU Foundation Scholarship

The Eastern Kentucky University Foundation, through the generosity of its donors, offers a variety of scholarship opportunities to deserving students. EKU Foundation scholarships are awarded through the University Scholarship Office and at college and department levels. New and renewable awards of [EKU Foundation scholarships](#) are subject to available funds each year.

MORE SCHOLARSHIP INFO

What do I need to apply?

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Doctor of Nursing Practice admission requirements:

1. Master's degree in nursing from a nationally accredited program.
2. RN license from an approved state that is free and unrestricted, meaning that it has not been subject to reprimand, revocation, probation, suspension, restriction, limitation, disciplinary action, discretionary review/hearing or encumbrance nor had any type of complaint filed against it.
3. Graduate GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
4. If applicable, APRN license from an approved state that is free and unrestricted, meaning that it has not been subject to reprimand, revocation, probation, suspension, restriction, limitation, disciplinary action, discretionary review/hearing or encumbrance nor had any type of complaint filed against it.

Admission is competitive. Selection is based on careful consideration of all application materials, including but not limited to academic transcripts, the applicant's Doctor of Nursing Practice Professional Statement, three required professional references and professional work experience. In addition to the criteria listed, an interview may be requested. The Doctor of Nursing Practice Professional Statement will be evaluated for writing skills and content, both of which are heavily weighted in the admission process.

What are you waiting for?

GET STARTED TODAY!

When will I start classes?

APPLICATION DEADLINES

TERM	APPLY BY	BEGIN CLASSES
Fall A	July 1	August
Fall B	August 15	October
Spring	November 1	January
Summer	March 15	May

How do I apply?

APPLICATION PROCESS

Graduate Students:

Step 1: Complete the free ECU Graduate School's online application at:

https://application.ecu.edu/portal/apply_ecu

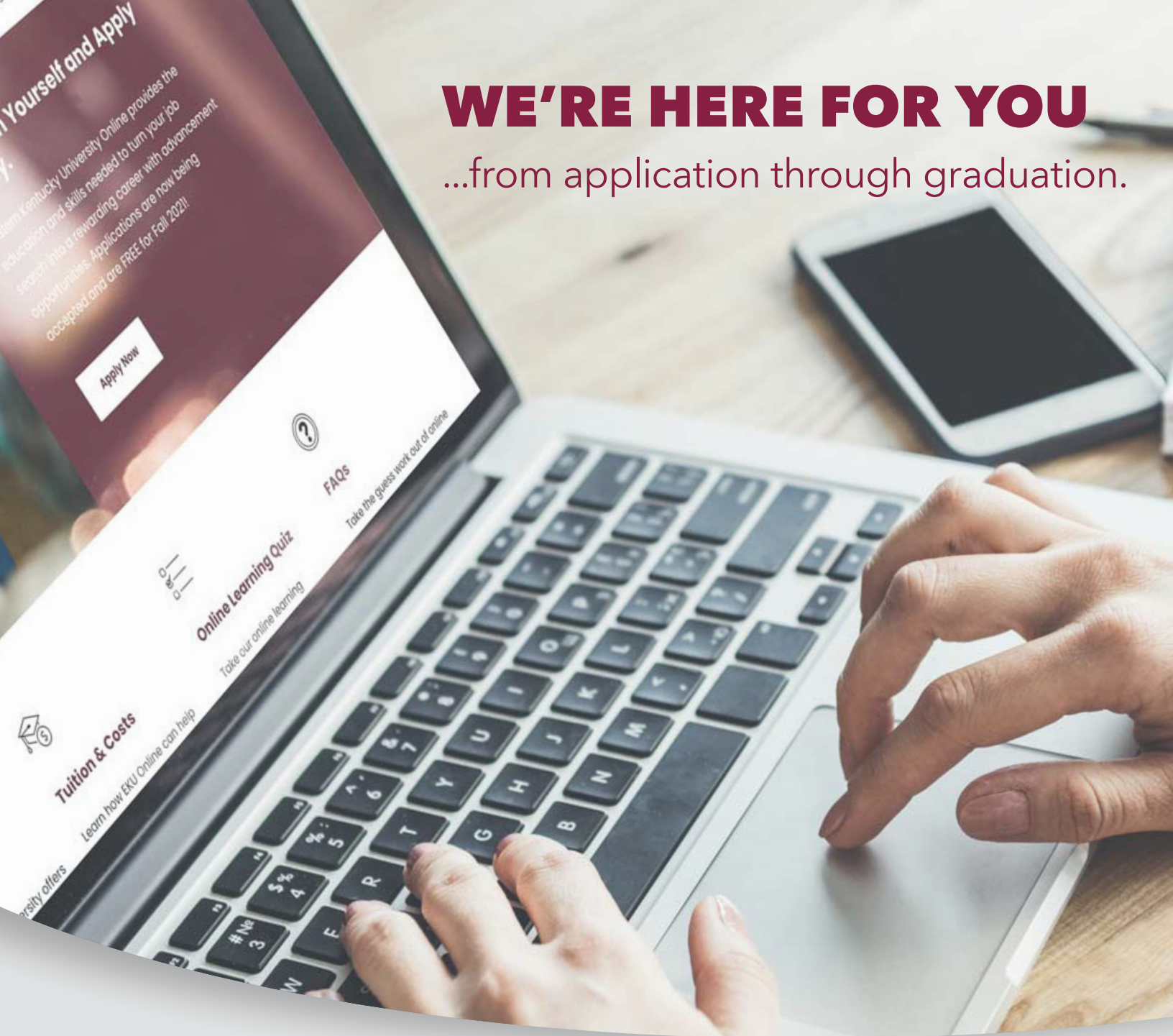
START MY APPLICATION

Step 2: Provide official entrance exam scores (GRE, MAT or GMAT), if applicable.

Step 3: Provide official undergraduate transcripts (if not an ECU graduate).

Step 4: Submit letters of recommendation, if required for the academic program.





WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

...from application through graduation.



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Enrollment Advisor



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