



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.

BENEFITS

- Free textbooks for all students with [EKU BookSmart](#)
- CCNE accredited
- Accelerated 8-week terms
- Personalized graduation plan
- Free online tutoring
- Eligible for federal financial aid and scholarships
- Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* among the best online graduate nursing programs in the country
- Very high first attempt pass rate on national certification exams - 100% for FNP and 98% for PMHNP

Master of Science in **Nursing**

MSN DEGREE OPTIONS

Family Nurse Practitioner

Build on your professional expertise through advanced education in evidence-based management of acute and chronic health conditions across the lifespan. With an added emphasis on health promotion and disease prevention, our program prepares graduates as highly skilled primary care providers and health care leaders.

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

ECU's psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner program has a high certification exam pass rate and prepares students to meet the population's growing mental health needs in private practice, psychiatric hospitals, mental health clinics and a variety of other environments.



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ONLINE



\$703 PER
CREDIT HOUR



[EKU Online Nursing Program](#)



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CORE COURSES...15 HOURS

Theoretical Foundations for Evidence-Based Practice - NSC 840

Provides a basic understanding of the process of theory construction and an appreciation for the role theory plays in providing a scientific basis for nursing.

Advanced Nursing Practice Issues - NSC 842

Analysis of professional issues and strategies, which can facilitate the development of the nursing profession.

Synthesizing Evidence for Advanced Nursing Practice - NSC 890

Critical appraisal and synthesis of nursing and inter-professional research as a foundation for evidence-based advanced nursing practice in diverse populations.

Evidence-Based Project for Advanced Nursing Practice - NSC 892

Implementation of an evidence-based project to improve health or healthcare delivery for diverse populations.

Principles of Epidemiology - MPH 855

A study of the distribution and determinants of disease and injury. Research methodologies for human research and disease surveillance techniques will be emphasized.

ADVANCED PRACTICE CORE COURSES...9 HOURS

Advanced Pharmacology - NSC 830

Application of pharmacotherapeutic principles to the treatment and management of conditions across the lifespan.

Advanced Health Assessment - NSC 832

Emphasis is on the advanced skills necessary for advanced practice nursing in assessing the health status of clients from across the lifespan.

Advanced Pathophysiology - NSC 834

Application of advanced pathophysiology to the diagnosis and treatment of conditions across the lifespan.

CLINICAL REQUIREMENT...HOURS VARY BY PROGRAM

Advanced Practice Role - NSC 800

Advanced practice role clinical experience. Students will retake for the minimum number of hours required for their specialty concentration.

EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

Rural Health Family Nurse Practitioner CONCENTRATION COURSES.....14 HOURS

Rural Health FNP I - NSC 870

Provides theoretical and diagnostic knowledge necessary to confront problems relevant to the health care of individuals across the lifespan. Emphasis on health promotion, disease prevention and management of common health problems.

Rural Health FNP II - NSC 872

Provides theoretical and diagnostic knowledge necessary to confront problems relevant to the health care of individuals across the lifespan. Emphasis on health promotion, disease prevention and management of common health problems. Builds on NSC 870

Rural Health FNP III - NSC 874

Provides theoretical and diagnostic knowledge necessary to confront problems relevant to the health care of individuals across the lifespan. Emphasis on health promotion, disease prevention and management of common health problems. Builds on NSC 872

Rural Health FNP Internship - NSC 876

Allows synthesis of theoretical and diagnostic knowledge in a concentrated primary care practicum.

EKU GRADUATE CATALOG

TOTAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FNP...47 HOURS

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner CONCENTRATION COURSES.....18 HOURS

Rural PMHNP I - NSC 880

Theoretical and diagnostic knowledge necessary to diagnose and treat psychiatric disorders across the lifespan. Competencies in working with individuals are developed.

Applied Psychopharmacology - NSC 881

Applies theoretical and diagnostic knowledge related to prescribing psychopharmacological treatment of psychiatric disorders across the lifespan.

Rural PMHNP II - NSC 882

Theoretical and diagnostic knowledge necessary to diagnose and treat psychiatric disorders across the lifespan. Competencies in working with families are developed.

Rural PMHNP III - NSC 884

Theoretical and diagnostic knowledge necessary to diagnose and treat psychiatric disorders across the lifespan. Group skills, community resources and the context of professional practice are examined.

Rural PMHNP Internship - NSC 886

Synthesis of theoretical and diagnostic knowledge to promote mental health and maintain mental health across the lifespan. Systematically examines opportunities for improving PMHNP practice.

TOTAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PMHNP...49 HOURS

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. 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?

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EKU UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

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 can I do with this degree?

CAREER OUTLOOK

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics employment of nurse practitioners, nurse anesthetists and nurse midwives is projected to grow 45 percent before 2029, much faster than the average for all occupations. Several factors will contribute to this demand, including an increased emphasis on preventative care and demand for healthcare services from the aging population.

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) are equipped with the education and expertise to refer, diagnose and treat people with a range of mental health conditions. APRNs can work autonomously and/or collaboratively in advanced clinic roles across the lifespan in many mental health care settings such as, schools, inpatient, outpatient and integrated care.

Family Nurse Practitioner

APRNs educated to provide a full range of primary care services. Can practice as clinicians with clinical expertise diagnosing and treating health conditions with an added emphasis on disease prevention and health management.

[SALARY ESTIMATES](#)

Why should I choose ECU Online?

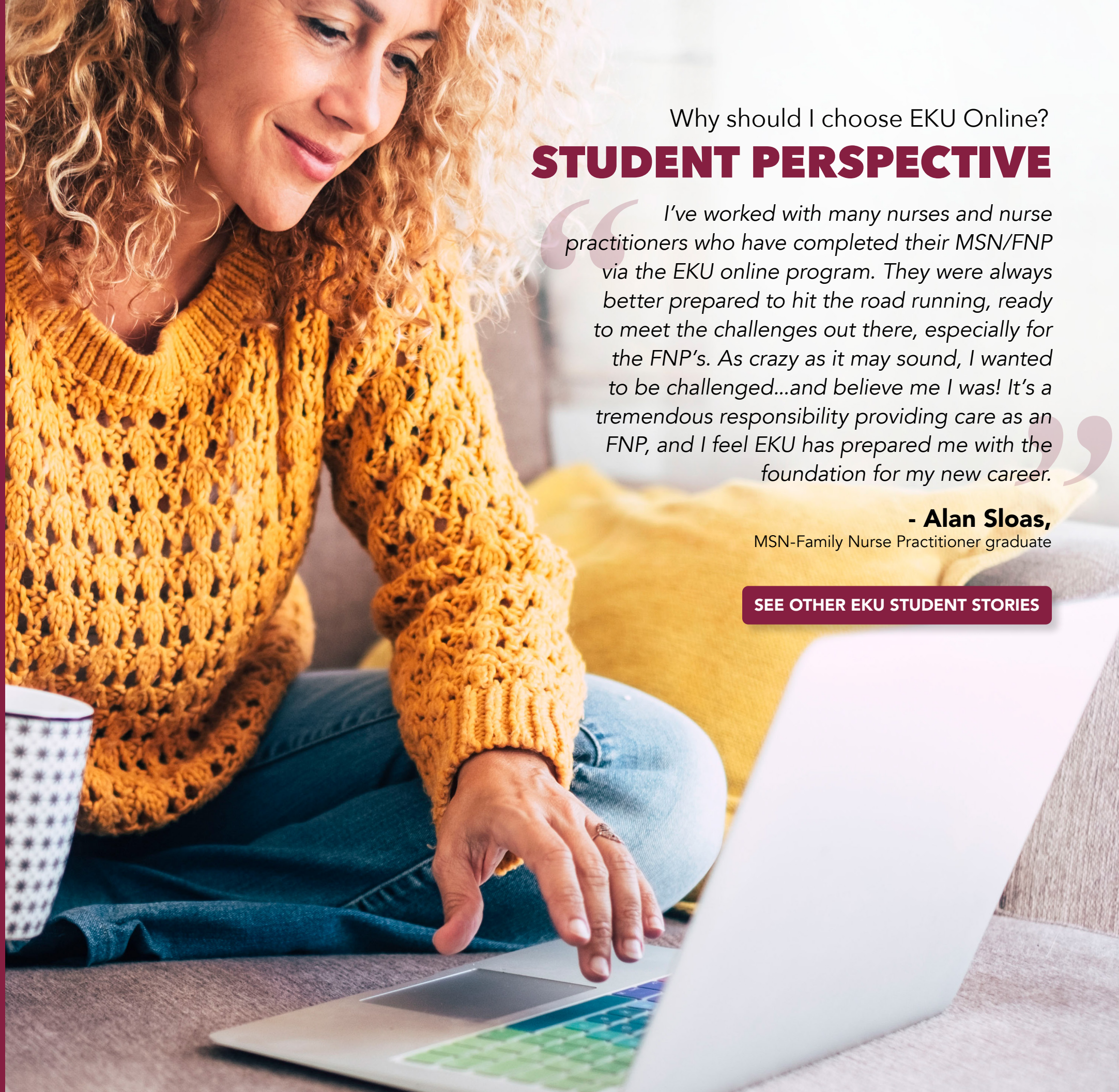
STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

I've worked with many nurses and nurse practitioners who have completed their MSN/FNP via the ECU online program. They were always better prepared to hit the road running, ready to meet the challenges out there, especially for the FNP's. As crazy as it may sound, I wanted to be challenged...and believe me I was! It's a tremendous responsibility providing care as an FNP, and I feel ECU has prepared me with the foundation for my new career.

- Alan Sloas,

MSN-Family Nurse Practitioner graduate

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What do I need to apply?

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Master of Science in Nursing admission requirements:

Please check the authorization status of your state.

- Baccalaureate degree in nursing from a nationally accredited program.
- Active and unencumbered RN license for all states in which licensed.
- A minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0.
- 3-hour graduate or undergraduate course in statistics with a grade of "C" or higher.
- At least one year of RN experience at the time application is submitted.

Admission is competitive. Selection is based on careful consideration of all application materials, including but not limited to, academic transcripts, the applicant's professional statement, three required professional references, and professional work experience. In addition to the criteria listed, an interview may be requested.

When will I start classes?

APPLICATION DEADLINES

TERM	APPLY BY	BEGIN CLASSES
Fall	July 1	August
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.

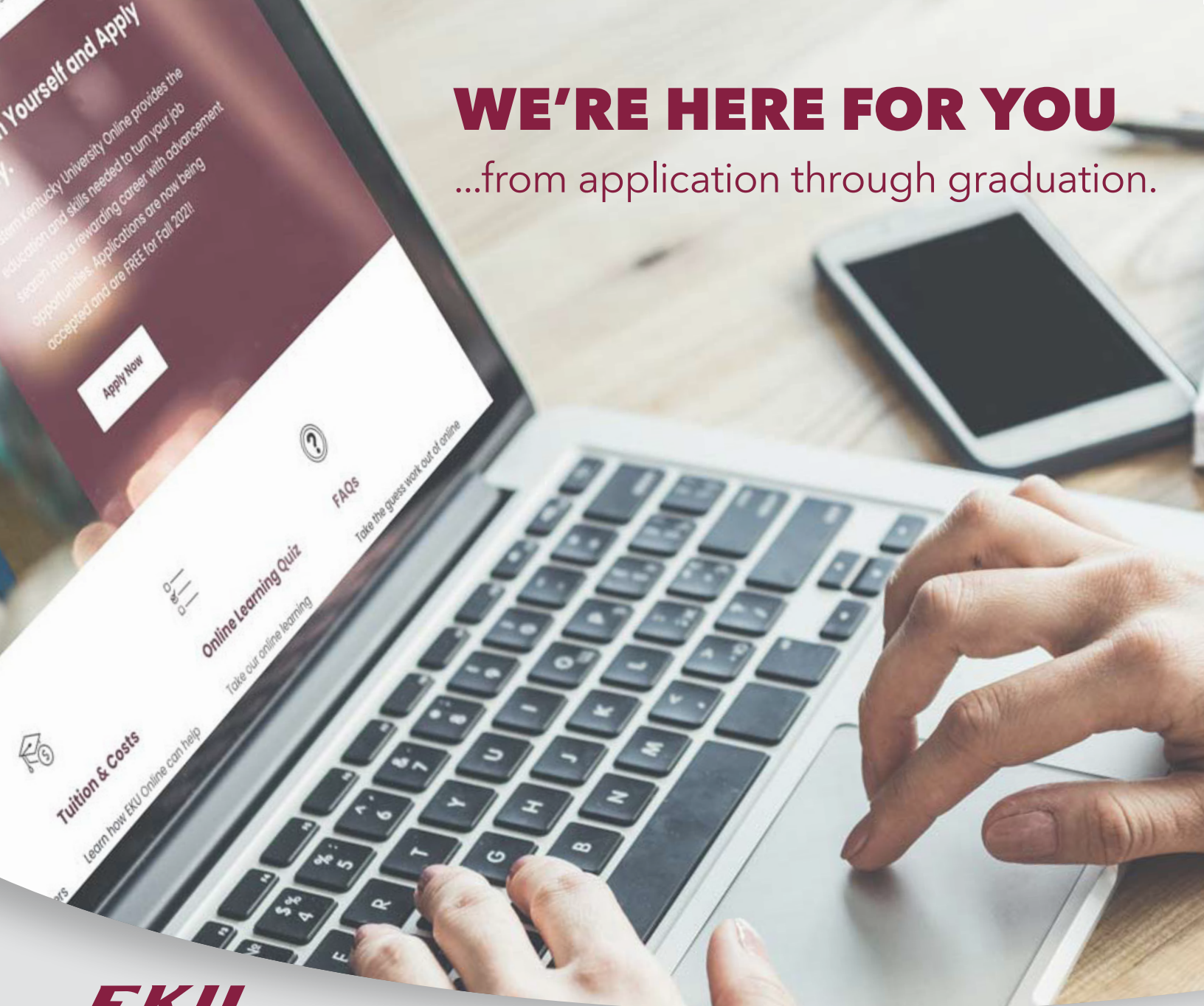
Step 3: Provide official undergraduate transcripts (if not an ECU graduate).

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

What are you waiting for?

GET STARTED TODAY!





WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

...from application through graduation.

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