



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.

Online Doctorate Program Occupational Therapy

EKU offers one of the top post-professional doctor of occupational therapy programs in the nation. Our challenging doctorate degree options prepare practitioners to take on leadership roles and our flexible, online format provides students the ability to complete coursework and assignments according to their schedule.

NOTE: Applicants to this program must be certified by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). Occupational therapy assistants are not eligible.



100%
ONLINE



\$796 PER
CREDIT HOUR

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DEGREE OPTIONS

- Bachelor's to OTD (Post-Professional)*
- Master's to OTD (Post-Professional)

** Students who enter the OTD program with a bachelor's degree or post-baccalaureate certificate must take a graduate level research course prior to starting OTD coursework.*



[Online Occupational Therapy Program](#)

BENEFITS

- Free textbooks for all students with [EKU BookSmart](#)
- Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* among the best graduate schools for occupational therapy
- Dynamic, supportive learning environment
- Accelerated 8-week terms
- Personalized graduation plan
- Free online tutoring
- Eligible for federal financial aid and scholarships

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OTS 853 Leadership in Human Services

Advance ethical leadership skills through development and application of current leadership theory to become a change agent to positively impact the profession.

OTS 882 Advanced Occupational Science

Exploration of occupation science as a disciplinary knowledge base, current research on occupation-based practice and methods of developing occupation-based practice. Emphasis on change, clinical leadership and research.

OTS 901 OTD Leadership Seminar I

Foundational work for development of OTD capstone and Applied Leadership Experience. Conceptualize identity as a leader for change. Develop methods to assess population needs to improve occupation-based programming.

OTS 903 Capstone I: Project Development

Design capstone project based on needs assessment, literature synthesis and professional goals to serve as a changing agent for occupation-based programming. Capstone emphases are ethical leadership within change and occupation-based programming for diverse populations.

OTS 904 Capstone II: Implement & Evaluate

Implement capstone project. Evaluate capstone project outcomes to assess change in occupation-based programming.

OTS 905* Applied Leadership Experience

Custom-designed, field-based experience in the Occupational Therapy Doctorate. Emphases are on ethical leadership within change and excellence in occupation-based services for diverse populations.

OTS 906 OTD Capstone

Integration and application of program outcomes through reflection on Applied Leadership Experience and completion of the capstone project and portfolios. Students present capstone project.

OTS 910 Policy and Advocacy for OT

Analysis of social and healthcare policy on the profession of occupational therapy. Program development to address health disparities and advocacy needs in emerging practice.

OTS 911 Applied Research for OT

Students will apply research methods, synthesize paradigms, designs, methods and ethical issues related to research and discuss finding options. The role of the research as an agent of change in practice will be emphasized.

OTS 912 Evidence-Based Practice for OT

Evaluate and perform critical research appraisals to justify intervention decisions. Content focuses on clinical reasoning, outcomes measurement, finding evidence, changes in practice, ethics and communicating evidence-based decisions to stakeholders.

OTS 913 Educational Practice for OT

Fundamental principles of designing and implementing educational programs across the lifespan. Educational strategies and learning theories will be analyzed and applied to clinical, community and didactic settings and populations.

EKU GRADUATE CATALOG

TOTAL REQUIREMENTS...34-37 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. 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
- 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



Why a Doctoral Degree? **CAREER OUTLOOK**

Doctoral degrees are becoming increasingly necessary to meet the complex demands of healthcare. Occupational therapists will need to pursue doctoral education in order to compete and apply leadership in educational and healthcare services.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of occupational therapists is projected to grow 16 percent before 2029, much faster than the average for all occupations. Occupational therapists with doctoral degrees can take leadership roles, effecting policies and strategies that help people with a variety of challenges.

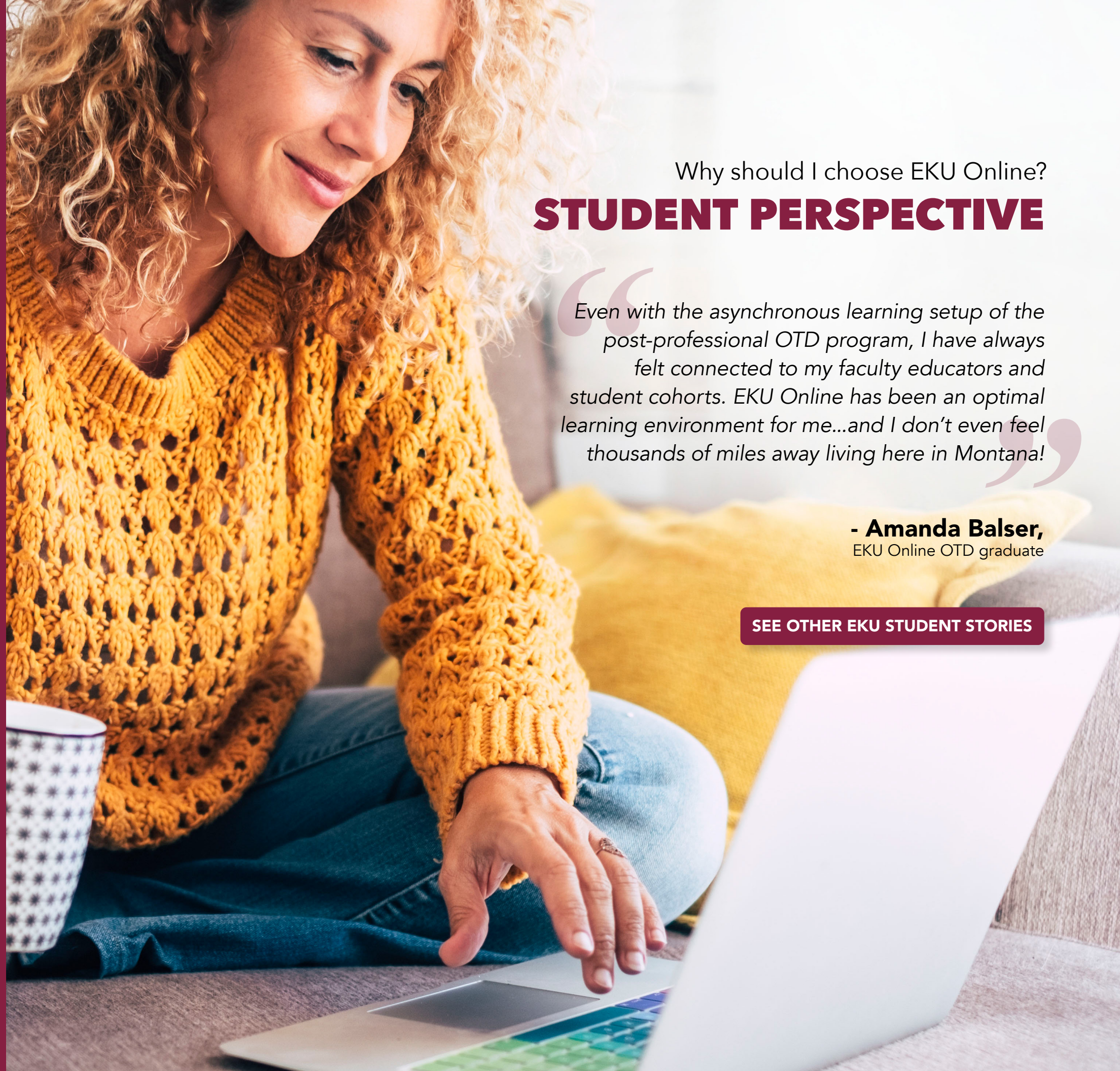
SALARY ESTIMATES

Why should I choose ECU Online? **STUDENT PERSPECTIVE**

Even with the asynchronous learning setup of the post-professional OTD program, I have always felt connected to my faculty educators and student cohorts. ECU Online has been an optimal learning environment for me...and I don't even feel thousands of miles away living here in Montana!

- Amanda Balser,
ECU Online OTD graduate

SEE OTHER ECU STUDENT STORIES



I'm in! How do I get started?

APPLICATION & ADMISSION INFO

How do I apply?

APPLICATION PROCESS

Graduate Students:

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

https://application.eku.edu/portal/apply_eku

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.

When will I start classes?

APPLICATION DEADLINES

TERM	APPLY BY	BEGIN CLASSES
Fall	August 5	August
Spring	December 5	January

What do I need to apply?

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

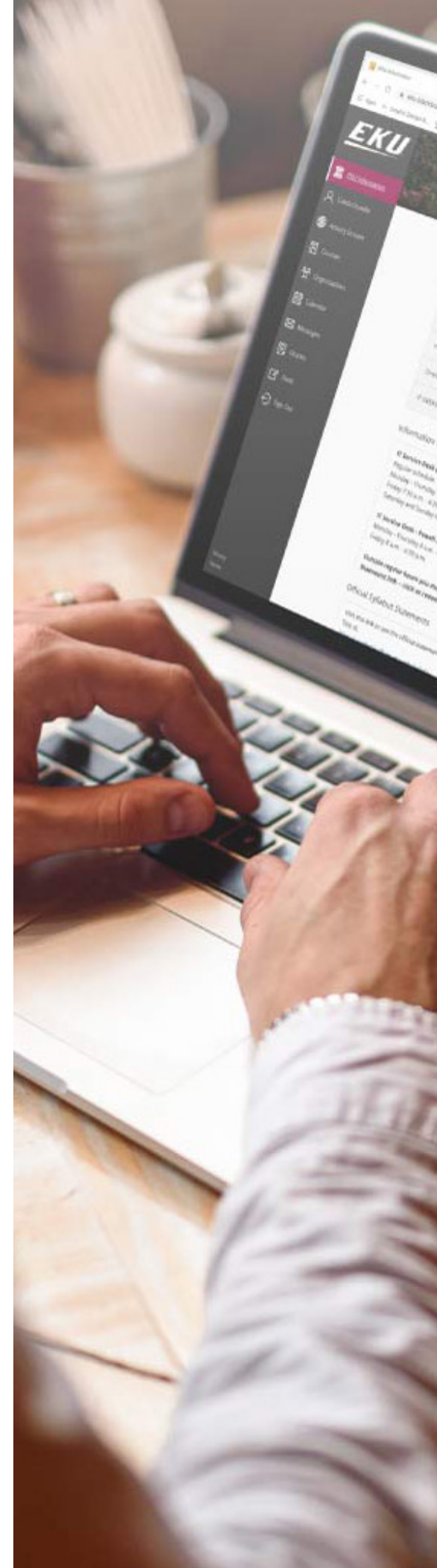
Occupational Therapy Doctorate Admission Requirements:

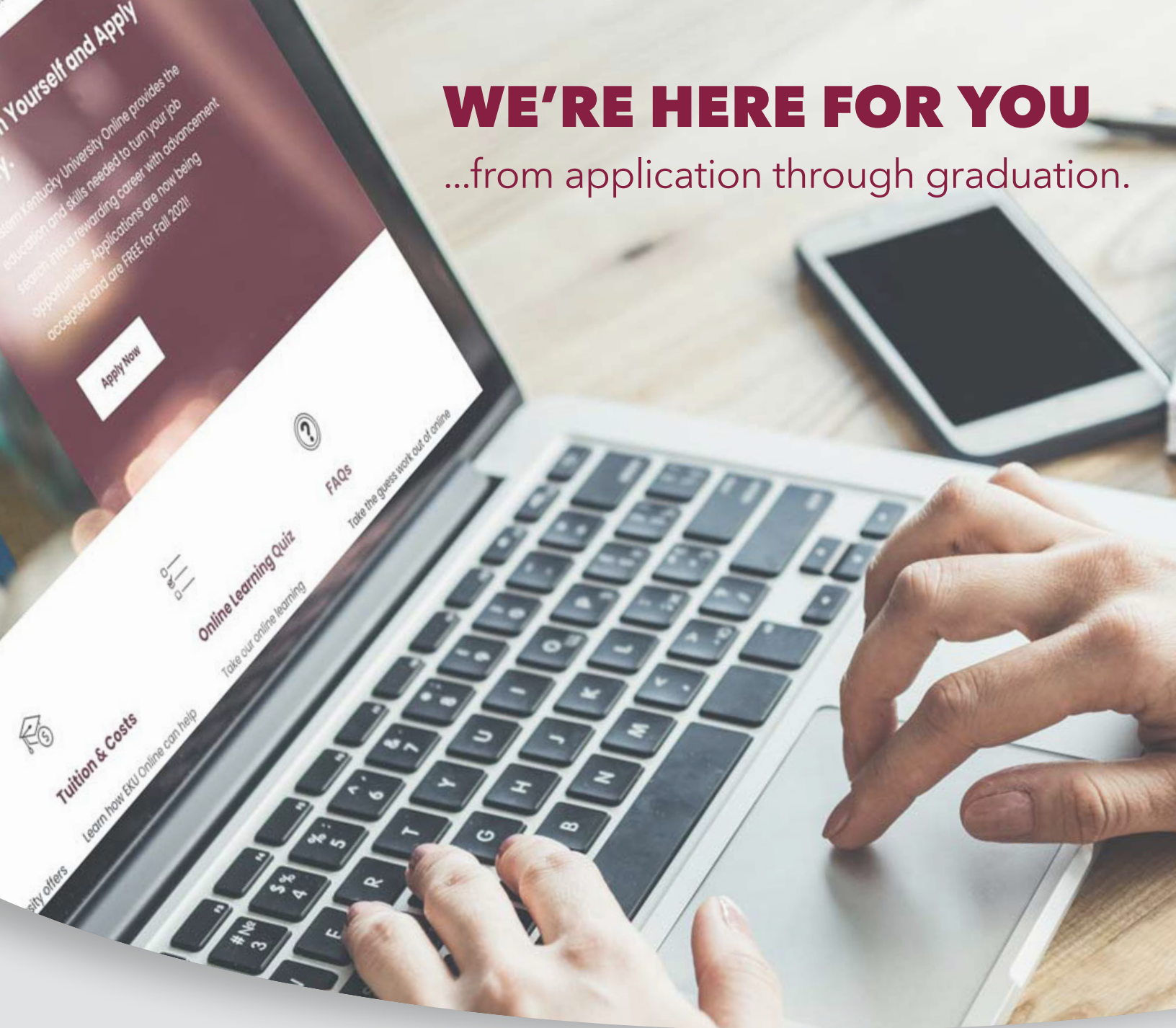
- A degree from an entry level occupational therapist program that is accredited by the Accreditation Council of Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE). International applicants must have met all requirements for practice in their own country and graduated from an accredited or World Federation of Occupational Therapy (WFOT) approved occupational therapy program.
- Certification by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). International applicants must provide documentation that they are eligible to practice as an occupational therapist in their home country.
- A graduate research methods course.
- Three letters of recommendation for applicants who do not have a master's in Occupational Therapy from ECU.
- A one- to two-page statement of professional goals.
- A resume and/or professional portfolio.
- Transcripts of undergraduate and graduate coursework.
- An online graduate application.

Each state has different authorization regulations with regards to online education. Please check the authorization status of your state.

What are you waiting for?

GET STARTED TODAY!





WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

...from application through graduation.



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