



100% Online Master of Public Administration

EKU's 100% online master of public administration degree (MPA) provides the leadership and managerial skills needed to translate your ideas into effective solutions for your community. EKU's public administration program allows you to leverage your interests and work experience by acquiring in-depth specialization in a range of focus areas. Graduates are prepared to assume a variety of leadership roles within nonprofit, public sector and government institutions.



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GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

- [Certificate in Community Development](#)
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Eastern Kentucky University is a nationally recognized public university located in Richmond, Kentucky. EKU began offering online degrees in 2006 and continues to service students with both on-campus and online offerings.

BENEFITS

- Accredited by the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA)
- No GRE required-for students with a 2.75 GPA or above (on a 4.0 scale)
- No application fee
- Earn a certificate in an area of specialization as you complete your degree
- Accelerated 8-week terms
- Free textbooks for all students with [EKU BookSmart](#)
- [Reduced tuition for active duty military members and their spouses](#)
- Personalized graduation plan
- No campus visits required
- Free online tutoring and career services assistance
- Generous credit transfer policy
- Our program is devoted to the high standards set by the American Society for Public Administration and the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration
- Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* among the best universities offering online degrees

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CORE COURSES

Research Methods in Political Science - POL 800

An introduction and an overview of theories, methods, and analyses which are used in contemporary political science and public administration research.

Administration, Ethics, Public Policy - POL 801

An analysis and overview of the interplay of ethical considerations, administration, and policy process in the public sector.

Public Sector Leadership - POL 874

This course examines theories and practices of leadership in public and nonprofit sector organizations. Emphasis is given competing theories of leadership and to the examination of leadership through theoretical reference frames.

Organization Theory - POL 875

Survey of major theories as applied to government agencies and other not-for-profit organizations. Topics covered include classical texts and recent research on theories of organizational behavior.

Public Human Resources Management - POL 876

Study of strategies and techniques of public human resources management in the public sector and their relationship to pertinent laws, policies, and institutions, in the context of contemporary theories of organizational behavior.

Public Finance Administration - POL 877

An examination of the effects of economic, administrative, legislative and judicial factors on the fiscal operations of government. Study of the budgetary and financial decision-making process at the federal, state and local levels.

Policy Analysis and Evaluation - POL 879

An introduction to theories and methods of analysis relating to public policy and public program formulation, implementation, and evaluation. Topics include quantitative and non-quantitative analytical techniques.

A total of 36 credit hours are required to complete the MPA program. Additional hours will be earned by completing one of the concentrations/certificates found on the following pages.

[EKU GRADUATE CATALOG](#)

CONCENTRATIONS

NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT

Community Development - POL 845

Examines developmental efforts on community level in the United States; relates community development to community organization and examines current efforts, especially those based on the concept of self-help, to generate and implement community development programs.

Non-Profit Organizations - POL 846

Study of non-profit organizations, including an examination of types, leadership styles, management tools, board organization, budgeting and fund-raising.

Grant Writing - POL 847

The study of grant writing processes involving federal and foundation grants as they apply to the public and non-profit sector.

Nonprofit Financial Management - POL 880

The course will examine financial considerations of nonprofit organizations, including funding sources, nonprofit financial statements, reserve development and management, financial accountability, and strategies required to ensure the effectiveness and sustainability of the organization.

Organizational Psychology - PSY 873

Examination of research, theory, and applications in organizational psychology. Topics include commitment, involvement, satisfaction, power, conflict, motivation, leadership, quality of work life, group/team processes, and organizational structure.

TOTAL HOURS...12

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & DISASTER RESILIENCE

Infrastructure Protect and Risk - HLS 810

Foundations for providing security and resilience to the nation's critical infrastructure with an emphasis on risk management.

Long-Term Disaster Resilience - HLS 830

Explores disaster trends and problems, as well as community wide mitigation and preparedness strategies aimed at reducing the impacts of natural hazards and achieving long-term disaster resilience.

Unconventional Threats and Response - HLS 831

The course addresses concepts, theories, laws and authorities, principles, programs, and requirements associated with unconventional threats to our nation that most likely would result in mass casualties and pose large-scale responses and cascading threats.

Intergovernmental Relations in Disaster Management - HLS 835

Analysis of intergovernmental relations and disaster policies across all phases of emergency management with a focus on disaster response and recovery. Systems are investigated through critical thinking, case studies, and comparative analysis methodologies.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Intergovernmental Relation - POL 835

An examination of the institutions, concepts, and problems of intergovernmental relations and the American federal system.

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APPLIED POLICY

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History & Systems of Psychology - PSY 779

A survey of the history of psychology and its various schools of thought and approaches to the study of behavior and mental processes.

Introduction to I-O Psychology - PSY 804

Introduction to psychology theories and procedures applied to work. Topics include personnel psychology, organizational psychology, and ethical and legal concerns related to the practice of I-O Psychology.

Statistics & Research Design I - PSY 820

Principles and techniques of scientific observation, control, and analysis specifically oriented to research in psychology. Evaluation of research designs and their implementation in professional settings. Emphasis on univariate statistical analyses.

Social Psy & Cultural Diversity - PSY 837

Graduate level survey of topics in social psychology including social influence, persuasion, social cognition, self-justification, aggression and prejudice. Emphasis on multi-cultural diversity and tolerance of other groups.

Biological Bases of Behavior - PSY 853

A survey of the principles, research and methodology of psychophysiology, including consideration of the autonomic correlates of emotion and arousal, biofeedback, psychosomatic diseases, and psychophysiological correlates of psychopathology.

Cog/Affect Bases of Behavior - PSY 859

Broad survey of findings regarding cognitive and affective influences on behavior, including learning and conditioning, memory, and cognitive and affective processes.

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What can I do with this degree?

CAREER OUTLOOK

Public administration programs prepare students to work in social service and government agencies. From developing programs and resources for low-income individuals and families to serving in public office, MPA graduates have a competitive edge in the job market. MPA programs provide essential skills for today's work environment and allow you to bring your on-the-job experience into the classroom, helping you make your mark as a public servant.

Job opportunities include:

- Community Development Specialist
- Economic Development Specialist
- Nonprofit Manager
- Nonprofit Director
- Social Services Manager
- Community Services Manager
- Budget Analyst
- Policy Analyst
- Government Liaison Specialist

SALARY ESTIMATES

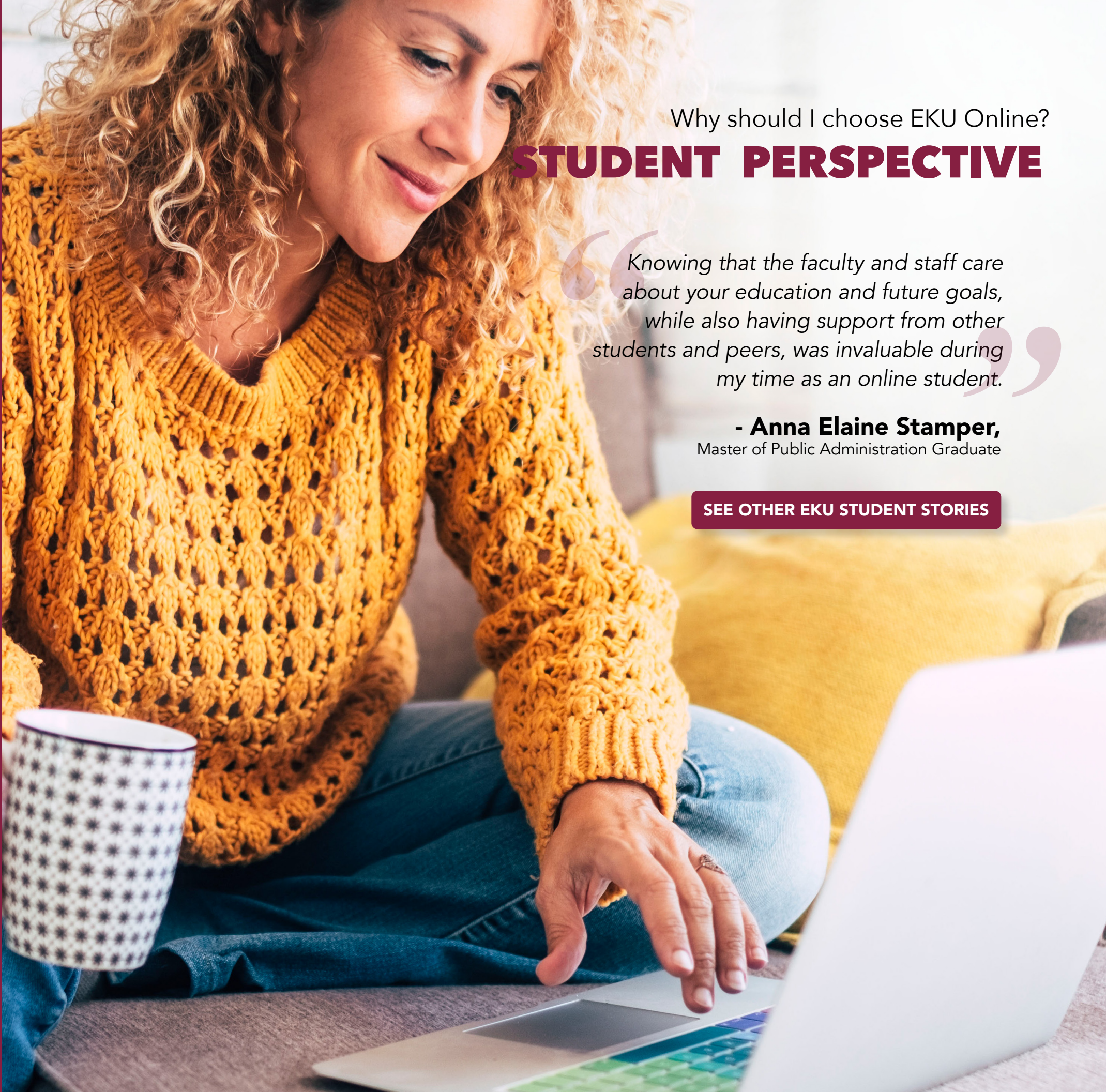
Why should I choose ECU Online?

STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

Knowing that the faculty and staff care about your education and future goals, while also having support from other students and peers, was invaluable during my time as an online student.

- Anna Elaine Stamper,
Master of Public Administration Graduate

SEE OTHER ECU STUDENT STORIES



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

When will I start classes?

APPLICATION DEADLINES

TERM	APPLY BY	BEGIN CLASSES
Fall A	August 1	August
Fall B	October 5	October
Spring A	December 5	January
Spring B	March 5	March
Summer A	May 1	May
Summer B	June 5	June

What do I need to apply?

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants who meet the criteria listed below may qualify for "Clear Admission" to the MPA program.

Applicants must:

- Submit a complete application
- Meet the general requirements of both the Graduate School and MPA program
- Have verbal scores of 145 or above, and quantitative scores of 145 or above on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). Note: Applicants with a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.75 (on a 4.0 scale) are exempt from the GRE requirement.
- Provide two (2) letters of recommendation from persons familiar with the applicant's academic or employment experience
- Submit a statement of career goals and objective

Students who fail to meet the targeted GPA or GRE scores specified above may be granted a probationary admission. The minimum condition for transfer from probationary admission status to clear admission status is the successful completion of at least nine hours of graduate course work with a grade point average of at least 3.0 and with no more than one grade, regardless of the number of course credit hours, of "C" or lower. Students must be removed from probationary admission prior to registering in any course work beyond an initial 12 hours. At least six hours of the first 12 hours must be in the common MPA core.

ADMISSION INFORMATION

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

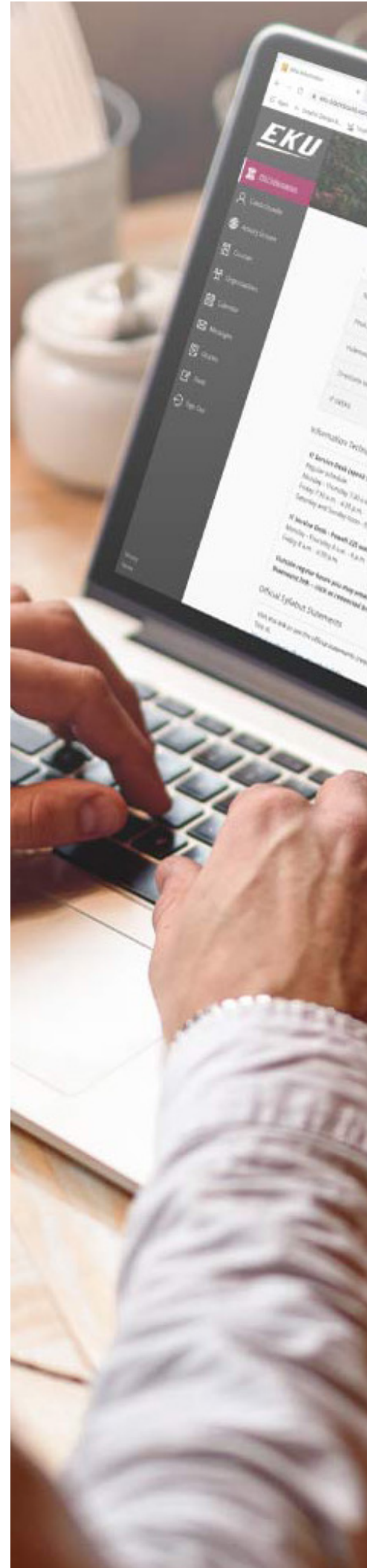
Step 2: Provide official entrance exam scores (GRE, MAT or GMAT), if applicable.

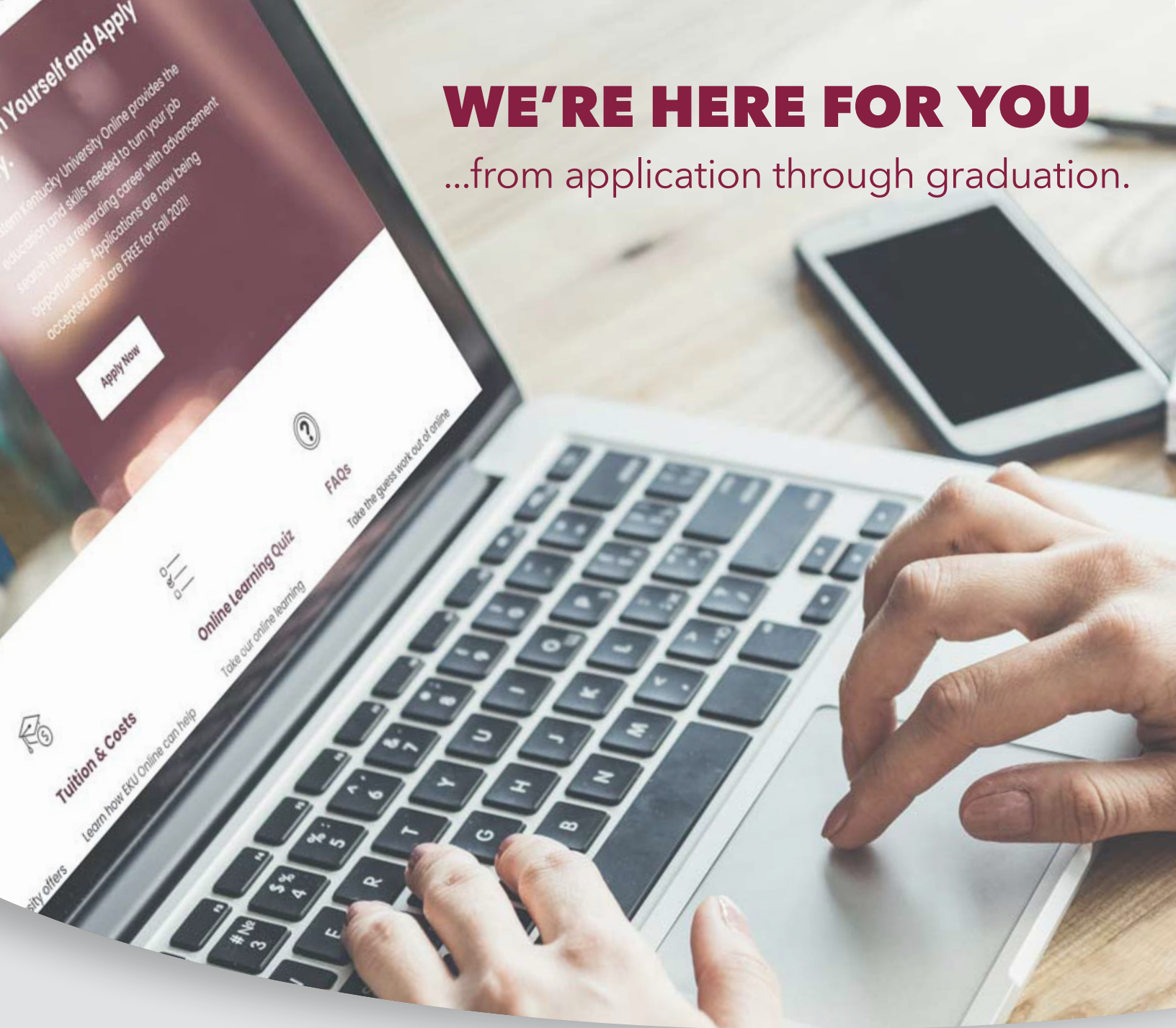
Step 3: Provide official undergraduate transcripts (if not an ECU graduate).

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

What are you waiting for?

GET STARTED TODAY!





WE'RE HERE FOR YOU
...from application through graduation.



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Enrollment Advisor



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