



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](#)
- Research opportunities
- Accelerated 8-week terms
- Personalized graduation plan
- Free online tutoring
- Eligible for federal financial aid and scholarships
- [Tuition discounts for active duty military and their spouses](#)
- Graduates who complete supervised experience requirements are qualified to sit for the BCBA exam and, upon passing, are eligible for independent practice and insurance reimbursement for services provided

Master of Science in Psychology Applied Behavior Analysis

EKU's 100% online master's degree in psychology with a concentration in applied behavior analysis provides the critical skills needed to help bring positive change to the lives of individuals living with behavioral disorders, substance abuse, and mental health disorders. Graduates are prepared to work in school, residential, and community-based settings with multiple populations including children, adults, and seniors.



100%
ONLINE



\$703 PER
CREDIT HOUR

ABA DEGREE & CERTIFICATE OPTIONS

- MS Psychology – Applied Behavior Analysis
- Graduate Certificate in Psychology — Applied Behavior Analysis



[EKU Online Applied Behavior Analysis Program](#)

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CORE COURSES...15 HOURS

Social Psychology and 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.

Advanced Developmental Psychology - PSY 849

The development of individual differences in traits and behavior examined from the perspective of personality and developmental psychology. Selected coverage of both foundational and current theoretical and empirical literatures.

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.

Cognitive & Affective 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.

EKU GRADUATE CATALOG

APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS CONCENTRATION...15 HOURS

Behavioral Research and Measurement - PSY 833

Review of principles and practices underlying behavioral measurement and single subject research designs.

Ethics and Professional Conduct in Applied Behavior Analysis - PSY 813

Foundational ethics for behavior analysts practicing across applied and research areas.

Philosophical Underpinnings in Behavior Analysis - PSY 816

Philosophical foundations of behavioral science as applied in the field of Applied Behavior Analysis. This course covers BCBA level content requirements in the Foundational area of Philosophical Underpinnings of Behavior Analysis as required by the Behavior Analysis Certification Board.

Introductory Foundation, Concepts, & Principles in Behavior Analysis - PSY 817

Foundation, concepts, and principles of behavioral science applied to the field of behavior analysis.

Addressing Problem Behaviors: Decreasing, Eliminating, & Replacing Undesired Behaviors - PSY 855

Review of principles, practices, and methods used to decrease problem behaviors as well as general intervention and behavior change procedures.

Building New Behaviors: Developing, Increasing, & Maintaining Desired Behavior - PSY 895

Review of principles, practices, and methods used to increase desired behavior.

CAPSTONE REQUIREMENT...3 HOURS

Advanced Topics in Applied Behavior Analysis - PSY 866

Introduction to advanced ethics and review of applied behavior analysis assessment, intervention, and ethics concepts and procedures within a case study format.

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS REQUIRED...33

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



What can I do with this degree?

CAREER OUTLOOK

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors is projected to grow 23 percent before 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations. Employment growth is expected as people continue to seek addiction and mental health counseling services. In addition, states are increasingly seeking treatment and counseling services for drug offenders as a cost-effective alternative to incarceration and as a method to reduce recidivism.

Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA)

Independent practitioners who provide behavior analysis interventions and services and are able to receive insurance reimbursement for services provided.

Parent Educator

Help parents obtain the education and skills needed to raise physically, psychologically, and emotionally healthy children.

Behavior Specialist

Specialize in treating individuals with behavioral issues that impair learning or social functions. They are usually employed by clinics, schools, and government institutions.

Behavior Coach

Provide individuals, groups, teachers, students and administrative personnel with a wide variety of coaching interventions. They train senior teachers to coach new and experienced teachers and students as well as establishing and monitoring peer coaching programs.

[SALARY ESTIMATES](#)

Why should I choose ECU Online?

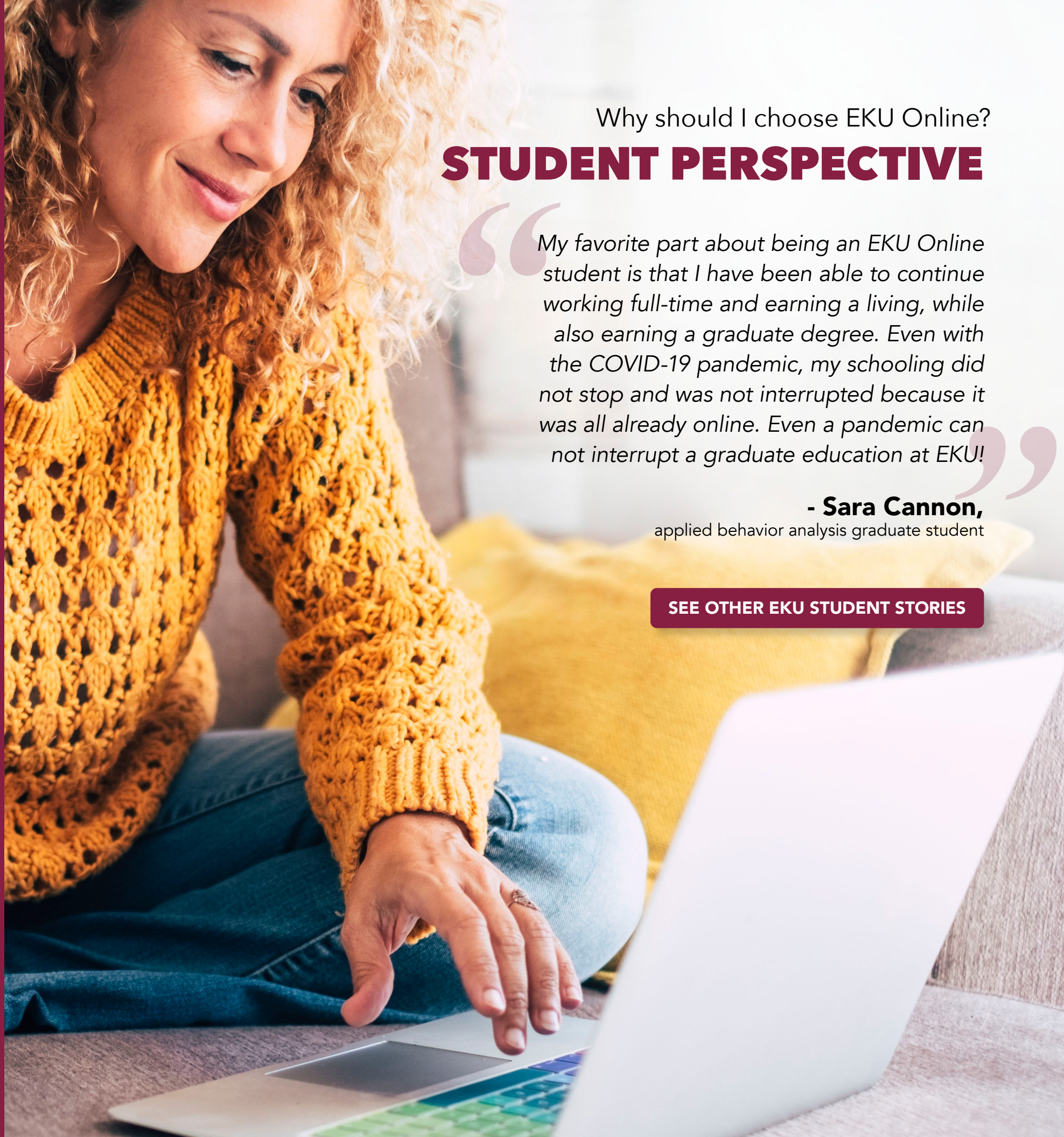
STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

“My favorite part about being an ECU Online student is that I have been able to continue working full-time and earning a living, while also earning a graduate degree. Even with the COVID-19 pandemic, my schooling did not stop and was not interrupted because it was all already online. Even a pandemic can not interrupt a graduate education at ECU!”

- Sara Cannon,

applied behavior analysis graduate student

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What do I need to apply?

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

MS General Psychology with ABA concentration admission requirements:

- A bachelor's degree from a regionally-accredited institution with a minimum overall undergraduate grade point average of 2.5 or 2.75 for the last 60 hours of undergraduate study
- Completion of one undergraduate research course and one undergraduate statistics course
- Completion of three courses in psychology or a related discipline
- If the undergraduate GPA is below 3.0, then satisfactory performance on the general sections of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required.
- A personal statement describing your career goals and explaining how you plan to use the degree/ABA concentration

ABA Certificate-Only Program admission requirements:

- A master's in psychology, education, or behavior analysis with a minimum overall graduate grade point average of 2.75.
- Completion of one undergraduate research course, one undergraduate statistics course, and three psychology or related courses.
- A personal statement describing your career goals and explaining how you plan to use the degree / ABA concentration

** As part of our commitment to educational excellence, Eastern Kentucky University — in compliance with the Behavior Analyst Certificate Board (BACB) and Applied Behavioral Analysis International — is preparing for the educational requirements/required competencies to transition from BACB's 4th Edition task list to the 5th Edition task list. For additional information, please speak to the program advisor.*

What are you waiting for?

GET STARTED TODAY!

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.

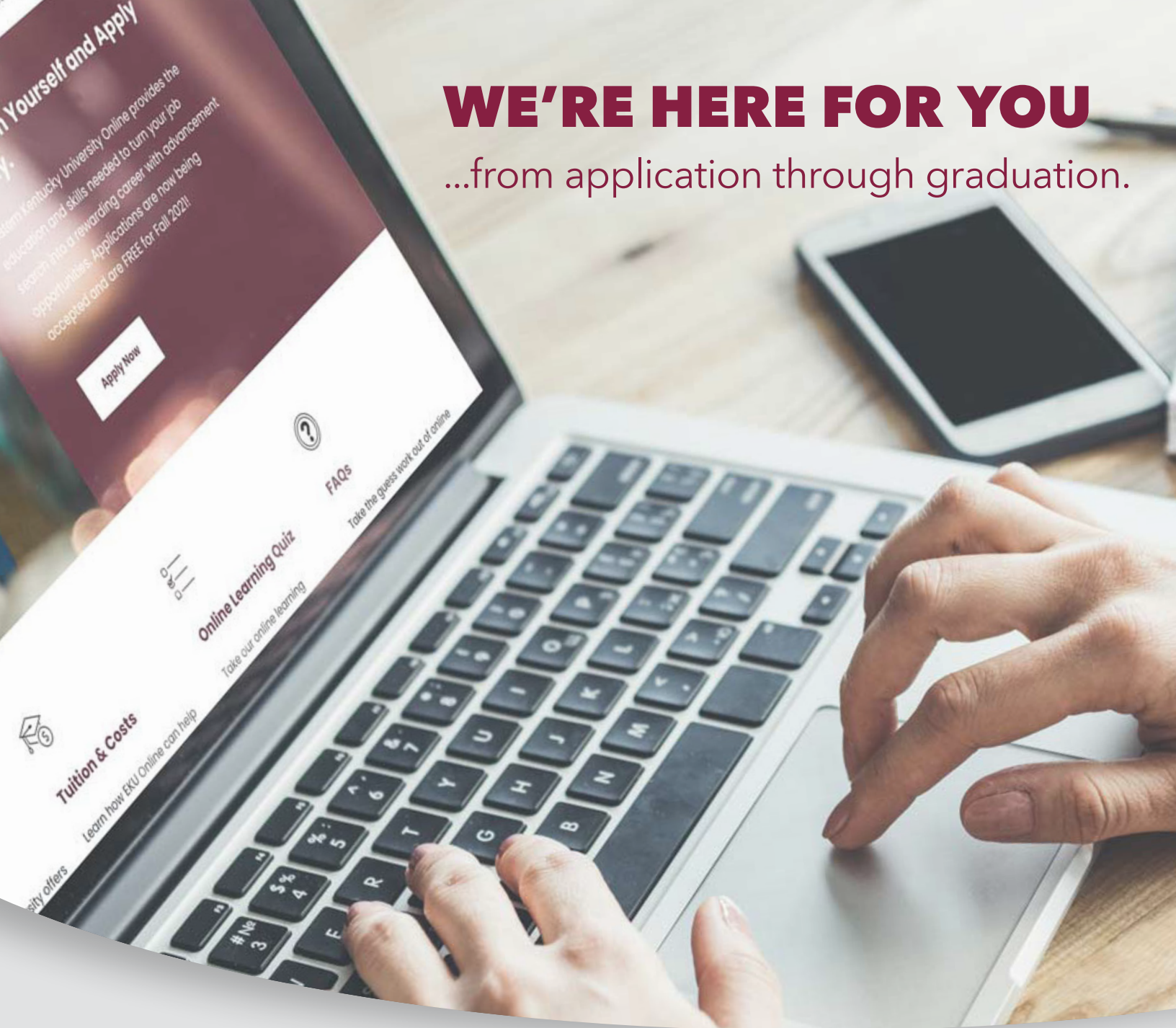
When will I start classes?

APPLICATION DEADLINES

TERM	APPLY BY	BEGIN CLASSES
Fall A	August 5	August
Spring A	January 5	January
Summer B	June 5	June

NOTE: ABA certificate program only admits in fall.





WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

...from application through graduation.



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