



100% Online Bachelor of Science in Psychology

This versatile degree builds critical thinking, communication and problem-solving skills, and prepares students for entry-level psychology jobs or to pursue graduate study or attend a professional school.



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DEGREE CONCENTRATIONS

- Psychiatric Rehabilitation
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Child & Family Psychology
- Substance Abuse
- Brain & Cognitive Sciences
- Forensic Psychology
- Workplace Psychology



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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

- Accelerated 8-week terms
- Free textbooks for all students with [EKU BookSmart](#)
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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY

CORE COURSES

Introduction to Psychology - PSY 200

A survey of the major content areas and methods of psychology, including history, biological correlates, cognition, language, intelligence, motivation, emotion, development, personality, abnormal, therapy, and social behavior.

Scientific Literacy in Psychology - PSY 240

Information literacy, reading, evaluating, summarizing scientific literature in Psychology; scientific writing (APA format); basic research terminology.

Career Development in Psychology - PSY 258

Will acquaint psychology majors with career opportunities, and help students recognize and build the skills needed for their desired career field.

Research Literacy in Psychology - PSY 340W

Writing intensive introduction to the research methods used in Psychology.

OR

Applied Scientific Literacy in Psychology - PSY 440

Applying scientific literacy techniques to the evaluation of claims in everyday scenarios and developing evidence-based psychological skills in a variety of workplace environments.

Senior Exit Course in Psychology - PSY 499

Students will complete the Senior Exit Survey and the Senior Knowledge Exam in this course.

EKU UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG

Choose from at least three hours from each of the following areas (selections may be specified based on chosen concentration): 18

BIOLOGICAL BASES OF BEHAVIOR:

Physiological Psychology - PSY 311

Facts, concepts, and principles regarding physiological events that underlie behavior. Attention to contemporary research methods and problems undergoing study.

Sensation and Perception - PSY 315

Experimental study of sensation and perception, the sensory and cognitive processes by which we come to know our world.

COGNITION/LEARNING:

Cognitive Psychology - PSY 317

Theoretical and empirical approaches to human cognition. Topics include knowledge acquisition and organization, memory, language, problem solving, and thinking skills.

Comparative Psychology - PSY 333

A survey of theory and research in the psychology of animals. Topics include history of scientific studies, learning, memory, representation, intelligence, knowledge, innovation, culture, communication, development, emotion, social skill, consciousness, and theory of mind.

DEVELOPMENTAL:

PSY 312 Infant and Child Development - PSY 312

Theoretical and empirical approaches to the development of the infant and child with attention to perceptual, behavioral, social, and cognitive development and the capacity for learning.

Adolescent and Adult Development - PSY 314

Survey of biological, psychological, social, cognitive, and historical influences on adolescent and adult development.

SOCIAL PERSONALITY:

Social Psychology - PSY 300

A study of the power of situations and the social environment to affect human behavior. Topics include: attitudes, persuasion, prejudice, discrimination, group behavior, interpersonal attraction, aggression and prosocial behavior.

Psychology of Personality - PSY 305

Basic approaches to the study of personality. Theories and research about how personality affects behavior and life outcomes.

Abnormal Psychology - PSY 308

Descriptive study of the nature, course, classification and prevalence of abnormal behavior, with attention to intellectual, personality, cognitive, sensory and motor functions.

SKILLS:

Psychology of Work - PSY 319

Application of psychological theories and procedures to the world of work. Topics include personnel policies and administration, performance management, organizational theory, behavior and development, occupational health, and leadership.

Intro to Interviewing/Therapy - PSY 405

Introduction to the basic concepts and skills of interviewing and therapeutic communication in the mental health field.

Intro to Behavior Therapy - PSY 406

Principles and techniques of applying behavioral principles in the analysis of complex human behavior. Emphasis is placed on methods of observing behavior and analyzing functional relationships between behavior and environment.

ABA for Behavior Technicians - PSY 327

Introduction to the principles and practices of applied behavior analysis that provides students with the theoretical knowledge and practical skills to apply for the Registered Behavior Technician credential.

Clinical Psychology - PSY 490

Survey of clinical theories, methods, and approaches.

Tests and Measurements - PSY 590

Study of measurement principles with application in psychology, business, industry, and government. Interpretation, use, and evaluation of measurement and job analysis methods. Reliability, validity, utility, ethical/legal concerns are examined.

CAPSTONE:

Applied Learning in Psychology - PSY 349

Work in placements related to academic studies. A minimum of 80 hours employment required for each semester hour credit. Three hours may be applied toward the major, not applicable toward a minor. Course may be repeated for up to 16 credits total.

Senior Seminar - PSY 400

The senior seminar examines contemporary psychological issues from each of the five sub-disciplines of Psychology. Issues vary from semester to semester. May be retaken once, provided the subject matter differs each time.

CONCENTRATIONS:

Students may select one or more of the following concentrations:

SUBSTANCE ABUSE*:

Psychology of Personality - PSY 305

Basic approaches to the study of personality. Theories and research about how personality affects behavior and life outcomes.

Intro to Interviewing/Therapy - PSY 405

Introduction to the basic concepts and skills of interviewing and therapeutic communication in the mental health field.

Intro to Behavior Therapy - PSY 406

Principles and techniques of applying behavioral principles in the analysis of complex human behavior. Emphasis is placed on methods of observing behavior and analyzing functional relationships between behavior and environment.

Psychological Perspectives on Substance Abuse - PSY 429

Topics include an overview of current and historical models of addiction and a comparison of assessment and treatment techniques. Evidence-based practice is emphasized.

TOTAL HOURS...12

*Students in the Substance Abuse concentration must select PSY 311 Physiological Psychology under "biological bases of behavior".

*Students in the Substance Abuse concentration must select PSY 308 Abnormal Psychology under "Social Personality".

*Students in the Substance Abuse concentration must select PSY 490 Clinical Psychology under "Skills".

AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS*:

Infant and Child Development - PSY 312

Theoretical and empirical approaches to the development of the infant and child with attention to perceptual, behavioral, social, and cognitive development and the capacity for learning.

Intro to Behavior Therapy - PSY 406

Principles and techniques of applying behavioral principles in the analysis of complex human behavior. Emphasis is placed on methods of observing behavior and analyzing functional relationships between behavior and environment.

OR

ABA for Behavior Technicians - PSY 327

Introduction to the principles and practices of applied behavior analysis that provides students with the theoretical knowledge and practical skills to apply for the Registered Behavior Technician credential.

Child Psychopathology - PSY 408

Descriptive study of behavior disorders in children, with attention to symptoms or behavioral patterns, etiological influences, relevant research, theoretical underpinnings, and approaches to assessment and intervention.

Psychology of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities - PSY 477

Survey of developmental disabilities, including causes, impacts on the individuals and their families, and intervention approaches, as well as broader topics such as education, service delivery approaches, and ethics.

OR

The Autism Spectrum - PSY 577

Introduction to assessment, diagnosis, and intervention in autism spectrum disorders across the life span. Development of skills in applied assessment and intervention.

TOTAL HOURS...12

*Students in the Autism Spectrum concentration must select PSY 308 Abnormal Psychology under "Social Personality".

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FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY CONCENTRATION*:

Social Psychology - PSY 300

A study of the power of situations and the social environment to affect human behavior. Topics include: attitudes, persuasion, prejudice, discrimination, group behavior, interpersonal attraction, aggression and prosocial behavior.

Psychology of Personality - PSY 305

Basic approaches to the study of personality. Theories and research about how personality affects behavior and life outcomes.

Adolescent and Adult Development - PSY 314

Survey of biological, psychological, social, cognitive, and historical influences on adolescent and adult development.

Forensic Psychology - PSY 566

Review the roles of clinical psychologists in the legal system, focusing on principles of forensic mental health assessment, procedures of civil and criminal forensic psychological assessment, expert testimony, and forensic report writing.

TOTAL HOURS...12

*Students in the Forensic concentration must select PSY 308 Abnormal Psychology under "Social Personality".

CHILD AND FAMILY PSYCHOLOGY*:

Adolescent and Adult Development - PSY 314

Survey of biological, psychological, social, cognitive, and historical influences on adolescent and adult development.

Intro to Interviewing/Therapy - PSY 405

Introduction to the basic concepts and skills of interviewing and therapeutic communication in the mental health field.

Child Psychopathology - PSY 408

Descriptive study of behavior disorders in children, with attention to symptoms or behavioral patterns, etiological influences, relevant research, theoretical underpinnings, and approaches to assessment and intervention.

CHOOSE FROM ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Psychology Perspectives of Parenting and Child Care - PSY 321

A survey of major psychological theories related to parenting and child care. Topics include attachment, development, behavior, temperament, and parenting styles.

Psychology of Adoption - PSY 377

A survey of developmental, familial, cultural, and psychological factors in the adoption experience.

TOTAL HOURS...12

*Students in the Child and Family Psychology concentration must select PSY 312 Infant and Child Development under "Developmental".

*Students in the Child and Family Psychology concentration must select PSY 406 Intro to Behavior Therapy under "Skills".

BRAIN AND COGNITIVE SCIENCES*:

Sensation and Perception - PSY 315

Experimental study of sensation and perception, the sensory and cognitive processes by which we come to know our world.

Cognitive Psychology - PSY 317

Theoretical and empirical approaches to human cognition. Topics include knowledge acquisition and organization, memory, language, problem solving, and thinking skills.

Mind and Brain - PSY 513

A bridging discipline between cognitive science and biopsychology examining neural bases of consciousness, mental processes and complex behavior. Major topics include prefrontal cortex functioning, neural networks, decision making, working memory, emotional control, and frontal disconnections.

CHOOSE FROM ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Comparative Psychology - PSY 333

A survey of theory and research in the psychology of animals. Topics include history of scientific studies, learning, memory, representation, intelligence, knowledge, innovation, culture, communication, development, emotion, social skill, consciousness, and theory of mind.

Advanced Topics in Psychology: (Must be approved) - PSY 497

Selected topics for study. Variable topics across semesters in terms of student interest and available faculty. May be retaken for a maximum of 12 hours provided the subject matter differs each time.

Advanced Topics in Psychology: (Must be approved) - PSY 597

Selected topics for advanced study. Topics vary across semesters depending on student interest and available faculty. May be retaken up to 12 hours.

CHOOSE FROM ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Human Anatomy and Physiology I - BIO 307

Basic chemistry and the interrelationship of structure and function of body systems including cell structure, cell physiology, metabolism, tissues, and integumentary, skeletal, muscular, sensory and nervous systems.

Calculus I - MAT 234

Functions, limits, and continuity, derivatives and applications, integration, and introduction to and use of the computer package Mathematica or other appropriate technology.

Theory of Knowledge - PHI 352

An examination of the nature, possibility, limits, sources and value of knowledge of minds and the world.

Principles of Game Design and Game Theory - INF 511

Fundamentals of designing both digital and non-digital games. In-depth study of the nature of "Fun," design philosophies, choice, motivation, flow theory, types of decisions, and reward in gameplay systems. Additional topics related to gamification, monetization, and serious games also covered.

Applied Statistics - STA 270

Descriptive statistics, probability, counting techniques, discrete and continuous distributions, binomial distributions, normal distributions, sampling distributions, one- and two-sample estimation and hypothesis testing, chi-square tests, correlation, linear regression, analysis of variance, and use of statistical software.

Introduction to Statistical Reasoning - STA 215

Introduction to descriptive statistics, normal distributions, correlation and linear regression, sampling, experiments, chance phenomena, one- and two-sample estimation and hypothesis testing, chi-square tests, and use of statistical software.

Introduction to Programming for Science & Engineering - CSC 174

Introductory programming for scientific and engineering applications, input/output, decision, loops, arrays, subroutines, functions, files and simulation.

Introduction to Linguistic Theory - ENG 510

An introduction to current linguistic theory and practice.

TOTAL HOURS...12

*Students in the Brain and Cognitive Science concentration must select PSY 311 Physiological Psychology under "biological bases of behavior".

PSYCHOLOGY OF THE WORKPLACE*:

Social Psychology - PSY 300

A study of the power of situations and the social environment to affect human behavior. Topics include: attitudes, persuasion, prejudice, discrimination, group behavior, interpersonal attraction, aggression and prosocial behavior.

Psychology of Personality - PSY 305

Basic approaches to the study of personality. Theories and research about how personality affects behavior and life outcomes.

Psychology of Work - PSY 319

Application of psychological theories and procedures to the world of work. Topics include personnel policies and administration, performance management, organizational theory, behavior and development, occupational health, and leadership.

Tests and Measurements - PSY 590

Study of measurement principles with application in psychology, business, industry, and government. Interpretation, use, and evaluation of measurement and job analysis methods. Reliability, validity, utility, ethical/legal concerns are examined.

TOTAL HOURS...12

*Students in the Psychology of the Workplace concentration must select either PSY 314 Adolescent and Adult Development or PSY 316 Aging and Senescence under "Developmental".

*Students in the Psychology of the Workplace concentration must select PSY 308 Abnormal Psychology under "Social Personality".

*Students in the Psychology of the Workplace concentration must select PSY 405 Intro to Interviewing/Therapy under "Skills".

PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION CONCENTRATION:

Introduction to Psychiatric Rehabilitation - PSY 337

Introduces students to the background and supporting research behind psychiatric rehabilitation, as well as the field's underlying values and principles.

Applied Learning in Psychology - PSY 349

Work in placements related to academic studies. A minimum of 80 hours employment required for each semester hour credit. Three hours may be applied toward the major, not applicable toward a minor. Course may be repeated for up to 16 credits total.

OR:

Intro to Interviewing/Therapy - PSY 405

Introduction to the basic concepts and skills of interviewing and therapeutic communication in the mental health field.

Psychological Perspectives on Substance Abuse - PSY 429

Topics include an overview of current and historical models of addiction and a comparison of assessment and treatment techniques. Evidence-based practice is emphasized.

Psychiatric Rehabilitation Competencies - PSY 437

Builds on introduction to Psychiatric Rehabilitation by focusing on key components of the Psychiatric Rehabilitation process. Emphasis will be placed on the development of practitioner skills and techniques.

TOTAL HOURS...15

FREE ELECTIVES

CHOOSE FROM 39 HOURS OF FREE ELECTIVES

TOTAL HOURS...120-127

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 22 percent from 2021 to 2031, 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.

Graduate/professional school opportunities include:

- Clinical psychology
- School psychology
- Industrial organizational psychology
- General/experimental psychology
- Counseling
- Law
- Medicine

[SALARY ESTIMATES](#)

Why should I choose ECU Online?

STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

"I knew in my heart and soul that I was made for more...The longer I was out of school, the more I thought a degree was unachievable...It wasn't."

- Kelli Jo Blair,
Psychology 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?

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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	July 5	August
Fall B	August 31	October
Spring A	November 30	January
Spring B	January 31	March
Summer A	April 5	May
Summer B	May 31	June

What do I need to apply?

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

First-Time Freshman

- Standard Admission:
high school cumulative GPA (unweighted): 2.50 or higher
- Success First Admission:
high school cumulative GPA (unweighted): 2.00-2.49
- Minimum high school GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale

While test scores are not required for admissions purposes, students are encouraged to submit test scores for proper course placement in English and mathematics courses.

Transfer Students

- Cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale
- In good academic and financial standing at previous institution
- Students who have earned 23 hours or fewer of college credits after high school graduation must also provide a final high school transcript and meet the requirements for incoming freshmen

ADMISSION INFORMATION

How do I apply?

APPLICATION PROCESS

First-time Freshman:

Step 1: Complete the free online application at:
https://application.eku.edu/portal/apply_eku

START MY APPLICATION

Step 2: Submit your high school transcripts to the Office of Admissions.

Step 3: Submit ACT or SAT scores (not required, but encouraged for determining appropriate course placement).

Transfer Students:

Step 1: Complete the free online application at:
https://application.eku.edu/portal/apply_eku

START MY APPLICATION

Step 2: Send us your high school transcript (if you have 23 or fewer credit hours).

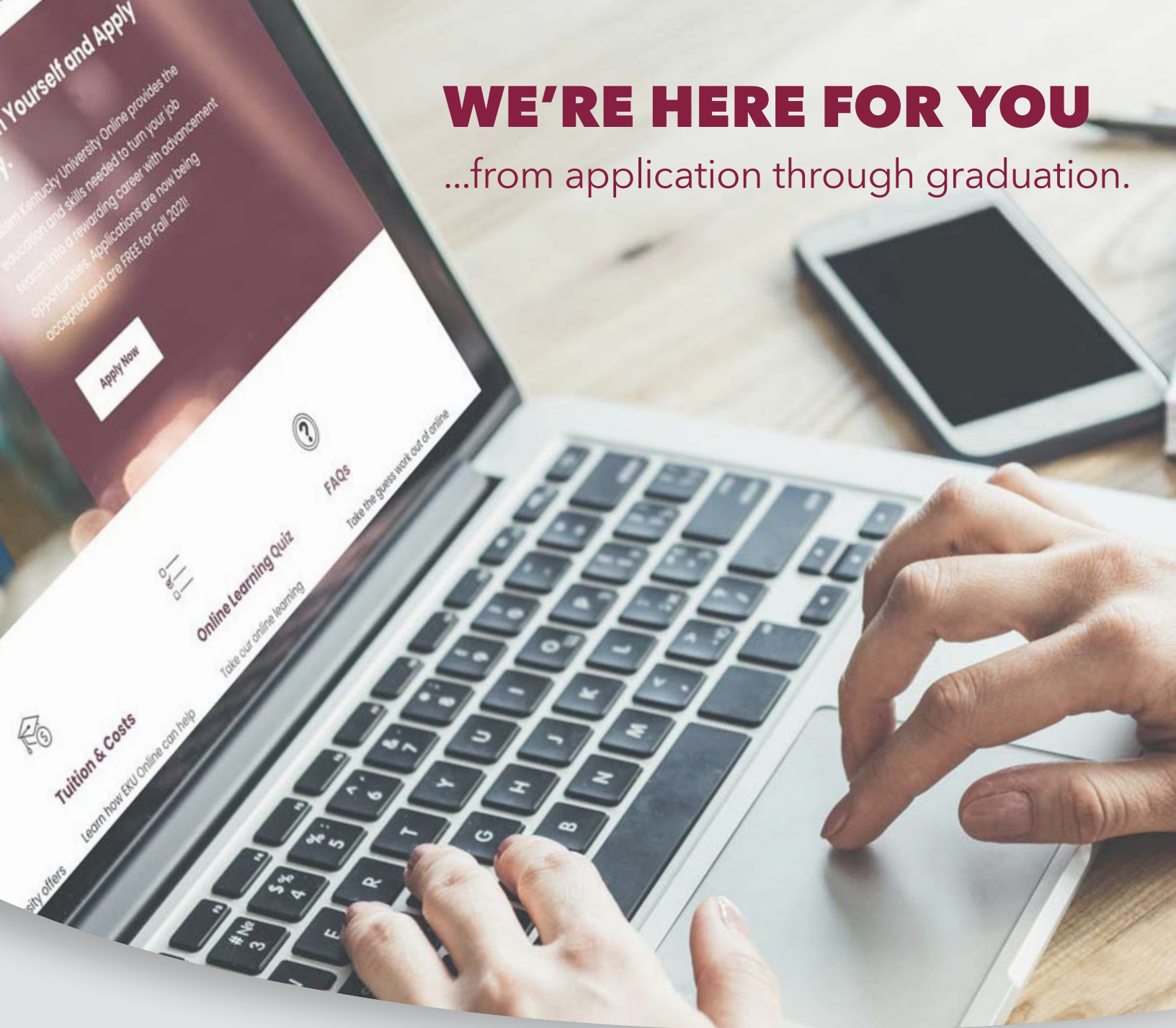
Step 3: [Send us your official transcripts](#) from each accredited university you attended, including dual credit from high school.

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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