Eller College of Management
Professional Admission Application Packet
Online Undergraduate Program

Refer to the list below to track your progress through the Professional Admission process.

| 1) Learn More | Learn about the Eller Online Undergraduate program  
| | • Go to [https://ugrad.eller.arizona.edu/online](https://ugrad.eller.arizona.edu/online)  
| | • Learn about pre-requisite courses needed and eligibility requirements to apply  
| | • Review the Eller Online curriculum carousel for either the Business Administration major or Accounting major  
| | • Learn about professional development expectations for Eller Online students  
| | • Plan for the program costs and learn about financial aid resources  

| 2) Apply | Complete the Eller Online professional admissions application through eSMS  
| | • Go to [https://admissions.esms.arizona.edu/](https://admissions.esms.arizona.edu/)  
| | • Click on the “Apply Now” link  
| | • Fill out application through eSMS Admission *(may require authentication)*  
| | • Schedule an Academic Advising appointment with Eller Online Success Coach  
| | • Note: The $55 Eller Professional Admissions application fee does not need to be paid at the time of application. This expense will be charged to your UA Bursar’s account at the beginning of your first term in Eller Online.  
| | If not already a UA student, complete the UA Online application to be admitted to the UA  
| | • Go to [https://admissions.arizona.edu/OnlineApplication](https://admissions.arizona.edu/OnlineApplication)  
| | • Create a new account or log into an existing account  
| | • Have your official transcripts sent from ALL previously attended colleges or universities. Also send test credit (AP, IB, CLEP) transcripts, if applicable.  
| | • Pay $65 UA Online Application Fee or apply for a fee waiver, if applicable  

| 3) Advising | Attend Mandatory Academic Advising Appointment  
| | • Schedule advising appointment after submitting online application  
| | • If a transfer student, email unofficial transcripts to Eller Online Success Coach before appointment  

| 4) Interview | Professional Admissions Virtual Interview  
| | • Complete virtual interview, online through Spark Hire link (link will be provided by Success Coach after your advising appointment)  
| | • Upload resume and cover letter through eSMS (must be uploaded by the time you complete your interview)  

| 5) Eller Skills Assessment Exam | Skills Assessment Exam is embedded within the Eller Online Orientation course. The exam and orientation must be successfully completed to start the upper division courses. Multiple attempts on the exam are allowed.  

**Prerequisites Required at the Time of Application**

- At least one English course completed and the other in progress/completed  
- At least two out of three Business Math courses completed and the third in progress/completed  
- At least one Accounting course completed and the other in progress/completed  
- Remainder of Foundation courses must be successfully completed by the end of the application semester  
- Minimum 2.75 GPA (on 12 or more UA units) at the time of application. Recalculated GPA from transfer institutions will be used if student has attempted less than 12 UA units.
• Minimum of 42 units completed at the time of application and 54 completed by the end of the application semester

Criteria Considered for Admission

• Cumulative GPA
• GPA in Foundation courses (all attempts at Foundation courses will be considered)
• Cover Letter, Resume, and Interview demonstrating leadership, work experience, community service, and involvement in extra-curricular activities

Important Points

• Professional Admission in the Eller College of Management is a selective process
• A $55 application fee will be charged to all students submitting an application. This fee will be charged to the student’s Bursars account upon beginning the Online program.
• Students who are on Academic Probation at the University of Arizona at the end of the application semester will lose their Professional Admission. Students are not eligible to start the cohort while on probation at the UA

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I don’t have the required GPA. Can I still apply?
A: No, you are not eligible to apply. You can apply when you have the minimum required GPA at the time of application. Talk to the Eller Online Success Coach to determine necessary steps to increase your GPA or establish a UA GPA.

Q: I attended the UA quite a while ago and did poorly. I went to another institution where I took most of my Foundation courses and did very well. How will my UA GPA from years ago affect me?
A: Any student that has attempted 12 or more units at the UA must use their complete UA GPA regardless of when the UA GPA was established. You must have a minimum UA GPA of 2.75 to be eligible to apply. You will want to discuss your academic history with your advisor.

Q: What is this “cohort” I keep hearing about?
A: The cohort is a structured model for your upper division business core courses. Each cohort will be coordinated so you will have a more comprehensive business foundation. Furthermore, registration will no longer be a problem for students who follow the proper sequence since once admitted to the professional program they will automatically be registered into their required cohort classes. Refer to the Eller Online Undergraduate website for course sequencing details.

Q: What if I am a part-time student?
A: Eller Online allows students to enroll in 4 classes per term or 2 classes per term. Discuss your situation with the Eller Online Success Coach and determine the best plan for your situation.

Q: What if I want to change my major after being admitted to the Online program?
A: Students are encouraged to select their major carefully. Furthermore, the Business Administration major is interdisciplinary and overlaps into all of Eller College’s other professional majors. Due to the overlap in curriculum and the accelerated nature of the online program, once a student is admitted to the Eller Online Undergraduate program they are not permitted to swap between our other face-to-face programs.

Q: Do Eller Online students still complete an interview as part of the application process?
A: Yes! After meeting with the Eller Online Success Coach and confirming your eligibility for the program, you’ll be connected to a site called Spark Hire, in which you will go through the process of a “virtual interview”. You will create a resume and cover letter in preparation for the interview.
Professional Admission Interview Preparation

Cover Letter

You are asked to write a Cover Letter for your Professional Admission application. In a typical job application you would write the letter based off the position description as an introduction to your Resume. Below is a statement that equates to a job description for the Eller College professional program. Please use this description when developing your Cover Letter.

The Eller College of Management is seeking talented, highly motivated, and hardworking individuals committed to excellence and sound ethical behavior. Candidates should demonstrate critical thinking and communication skills, recognize and have experience with collaboration, articulate why business and technology knowledge is important in today’s global marketplace, and have an understanding of their career goals and professional development. Candidates should use personal examples from a variety of experiences to highlight their unique contribution to the professional program cohort.

You should write about your accomplishments and goals and how you are a strong candidate for the Eller College professional program. The best letters are ones that have an individual feel and reflect professional work experiences, involvement, accomplishments, and clear goals. Try to avoid generic statements and letters with a lack of focus. Instead, talk about yourself and what you as an individual have done thus far and what you plan to do in the future. Show the interviewers that you are unique and give them insight into who you really are.

Be sure to concentrate on proper grammar, spelling, and clear word choice. Cover Letters are usually three to four short paragraphs in length, and must be kept to a maximum of one page.

Template of Cover Letter Structure to use as a Guide

Your Name*
(*not usually a part of a Cover Letter but needed for application purposes)

Your Current Address
City, State and Zip Code

Date

Eller College Admissions Committee
McClelland Hall 204
1130 E. Helen Street
Tucson, AZ  85721-0108

Dear Eller College Admissions Committee:

OPENING PARAGRAPH: Introduce the position (major/cohort) for which you are applying and explain why

MIDDLE PARAGRAPH: Demonstrate how your experiences align with the values listed in the position (student) description

CLOSING PARAGRAPH: Share what you will bring to the organization (college) and close the letter with appreciation for the interviewer’s time and consideration

Sincerely,

Your Signed Signature

Your Typed Name
A professional, high-quality Resume is a necessary step for your career. A good Resume cannot be written in just a few minutes; it requires thought and analysis. The Resume is a summary of your experiences, not your full-length biography. It is not simply a list of jobs held and duties performed; you must create a Resume that emphasizes your accomplishments and achievements. You must communicate what skills you have to offer and not just what you have done. For Professional Admission and Eller College recruiting events, you should develop a one-page, chronological format Resume. We have included sample resume that you are welcome to use as a guide as you develop your own personal resume. The chronological Resume presents experience and education in reverse time order (most recent experience first). The format utilizes visuals, such as underlining, bolding, italics and bullets to make items stand out. Chronological Resumes should be written for the situation and the needs of the audience.

Chronological Resume Suggestions:

- Your Resume must be neat and error free – No spelling, grammar or typographical mistakes
- Limit your Resume to one 8 ½” x 11” page
- DO NOT use a MS Word template to create your Resume; if you use Resume builder tool, download your Resume into Word to format correctly
- Use 10-12-point font (9-point font minimum); Times New Roman or similar font preferred
- Use even margins, minimum of ½ inch on the left
- Consistent use of punctuation, i.e. periods at the end of all bullets or none
- Use clear, simple and positive wording
- Use bullet points—skills and information should be highlighted and easy to spot, not buried in lengthy paragraphs
- Limit use of abbreviations/acronyms
- Use "action" words and action-verb phrases
- Omit all pronouns and unnecessary articles such as "a," "an," "the"
- Avoid the use of pronouns ("I" and "me")
- Use consistent tense throughout (present tense for current positions; past tense for previous work)
- Use conventional abbreviations and capitalization for Resumes
- Include the month and year when you are including dates in your experience section; use consistent format
- Always include your degree and current major under your education section (i.e. Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Major: Pre-Business)
- Include your GPA on your Resume if it is a 3.0 or above for your major and/or cumulative GPA
- Do not put personal statistics (age, weight, marital status, etc.) on your Resume

Action Words and Phrases:

- Administered
- Analyzed
- Approved
- Coordinated
- Conducted
- Created
- Developed
- Directed
- Established
- Increased
- Implemented
- Managed
- Participated
- Planned
- Proved
- Provided
- Recommended
- Reduced
- Reorganized
- Responsible
- Supervised
- Supported
- Trained
- Assisted in the coordination of…
- Compiled data for…
- Handled sales volume of…
- Improved….resulting in…
- Initiated and Implemented new Completed
- Received extensive training in…
- Responsible for marketing and selling…
- Increased sales by…

Additional Resources

Eller Professional Development Center
McClelland Hall Room 203
https://pdc.eller.arizona.edu/

UA Career Services Center
Student Union Memorial Center-4th Floor
http://career.arizona.edu/student
Wilbur Wildcat
1130 E. Helen Street, Tucson, AZ 85721
520-621-2505 | wilburwildcat@email.arizona.edu | Linked/in/Wilbur-Wildcat

EDUCATION

University of Arizona
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration – GPA: 3.82 (Expected) August 2022

Pima Community College
Associate of Business Administration – GPA: 3.7 May 2020

WORK & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Honeywell Aerospace
Engineering Technician Level 2 Tucson, AZ July 2016 – July 2017
• Collaborated with engineers to develop, construct and test aviation systems and components.
• Produced maintenance manuals that increased efficiency and streamlined the repair process by 20%.
• Managed a quick response repair team that improved supply chain logistics and eliminated waste.

L3 Communications
Field Service Representative Bagram, Afghanistan Aug 2013 – May 2016
• Utilized critical thinking skills to identify defective components and prevent future deficiencies.
• Led two aircraft maintenance quality control inspection teams which reduced error rates by 14%.
• Restructured troubleshooting procedures which returned damaged aircraft 3 days ahead of schedule.

State Farm Insurance
Independent Agent Tucson, AZ Jan 2012 – July 2013
• Refined marketing strategies to compete with other individuals and companies that sell insurance.
• Examined policies and recommended investment and estate planning techniques to preserve wealth.
• Designed individualized risk management plans to protect personal assets from the unexpected.

Tierra Antigua Realty
Real Estate Agent Tucson, AZ July 2009 – July 2012
• Negotiated with escrow companies, lenders and home inspectors on the behalf of clients.
• Created home buying workshops that provided money saving tips and guidance to home owners.
• Formulated unique marketing strategies to sell homes 30 days under the national average.

United States Air Force
Staff Sergeant Tucson, AZ Jan 2001 – July 2009
• Organized and managed 120-day inspections for 76 aircraft while maintaining a 97% pass rate.
• Implemented a precious metal recovery program saving over 50K annually in production costs.
• Developed comprehensive training programs for new electricians that increased productivity by 15%.

SKILLS, ACTIVITIES

Certifications & Training: Fiber Optics Certification, FCC Radio Operators License
Activities: Tau Sigma Honor Society
Professional Admission Interview

The Professional Admission interview is a 5 question virtual interview through the platform Spark Hire. There are several components of the interview which include the One-Minute Introduction, the Ethics Case, and a series of behavioral based questions related to the Eller College learning outcomes.

### Before the Interview
- Do a thorough self-assessment before walking into an interview
- Think about experiences in work, classes, and activities that have provided you with opportunities to utilize different skills and qualities
- Have good examples about teamwork, leadership, and motivation
- Practice answering behavior-based questions about your education, experience, skills, goals, and accomplishments

### Preparation Topics
- Short-term and long-term career goals
- Reason for selecting major
- Co-curricular involvement
- Experience outside academics
- Leadership
- Academic profile
- Academic success
- Motivation
- Individual contribution to cohort

### During the Interview
- Be sure to test technology and monitor the viewable surrounding environment.
- Introduce yourself in a courteous manner
- Listen attentively
- Use body language to show interest—smile, nod, and give nonverbal feedback to the interviewers
- Make eye contact
- “Sell yourself” and your skills
- Act confident and self-assured
- Speak slowly and clearly and don’t be afraid to pause for a moment to collect your thoughts
- Be honest, confident, friendly, cooperative, enthusiastic, and positive

### Professional Dress Guidelines
- Students are expected to arrive at their interview in Business Professional Attire.
  - For Men:
    - A suit or blazer and trousers
    - Tie
    - Professional shoes and socks
    - Appropriate conservative accessories
    - Keep cologne/perfume to a minimum
  - For women:
    - A pant or skirt suit, or a conservative dress; skirt must be of appropriate length.
    - Hosiery, professional shoes and socks
    - Appropriate conservative accessories
    - Keep cologne/perfume to a minimum

### One Minute Introduction

All students must perform a “One Minute Introduction” at the start of their interview. The “One Minute Introduction” is your opportunity to share a bit about yourself. The introduction is a one minute, uninterrupted verbal statement. You should not read or memorize your introduction. Rather, be mentally prepared to talk naturally about your experiences and goals.

**Why is the “One Minute Introduction” a required part of the interview?**
As you attend career fairs, interviews, and presentations you will encounter situations where you will be introducing yourself quickly and concisely. Use this as training for those situations.

**What should I talk about in my “One Minute Introduction?”**
It is your choice what you choose to talk about. Ultimately you want to convey the following:
- Why you want to pursue a business education and your long terms goals within your education
- Why you are qualified to be a part of the Eller College
- Anything else you feel is relevant towards your application
- Remember that you are meeting your interviewers for the first time so you don’t want to talk about anything personal that you would not want a stranger to know about you or anything that might make you or your interviewers uncomfortable
VALUES CASE

During the Professional Admission Interview, you will be expected to reflect upon and articulate your thoughts on the following values case. As you prepare for this portion of the interview, we value the interactive exchange of ideas, and encourage you to discuss this situation with friends and family as you explore how you would approach the situation. Students will be expected to demonstrate their thinking process during the interview.

"Time Reporting as a Consultant"

You are a first-year analyst at a consulting firm and just finished your first month on a project working for one of the firm’s most important clients. You are the most junior person on your engagement team, but you are learning a lot from the other analysts and your manager. As with most consultants, you are expected to track the hours you work on the project and report those hours each week.

Just now, you received an email from your firm’s Human Resources department reminding all its consultants that federal labor law states that employees report all hours worked, especially overtime (which is more than 40 hours a week). Last week, you worked more than 40 hours on the project, but your manager told you that there is no room in the budget for overtime, and asked you to report working only 40 hours. After speaking with your peers at the firm, you realize that other analysts are doing the same, and it seems to be common practice.

You are torn because you really like working for this manager and on this client, and want to make the best impression possible for future projects and promotions. Also, you know how important this client is to your firm, and you don’t want to risk losing the client because your team went over budget. On the other hand, you want to report your time honestly.

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Ethical Decision Making Framework

Resolving ethical dilemmas requires sound decision-making. To minimize the subjective nature of decision-making, the following objective framework should prove helpful when confronted by a personal or professional ethical dilemma. Remember, this requires time and thought, but the more the framework is applied, the better one will become in their ethical decision-making.

1. **Identify all stakeholders.** Identify who will be benefited or harmed by certain decisions or outcomes.
3. **Consider the law.** Consider existing laws, pending litigation, and regulations that could impact the outcome of a situation.
4. **Apply ethical thought.** Apply an ethical school of thought to guide decision-making including, but not limited to a results based (e.g., the ends justify the means) or duty based (e.g., the means justify the ends) approach.

This model was developed by Dr. Paul Melendez, Department of Management and Organizations, The University of Arizona. August 2004.
Skills Assessment Exam

All students must successfully complete a Skills Assessment Exam in order to achieve Professional Admission. This assessment is designed to assess comprehension of basic concepts covered in prerequisite Foundation courses. The test will be administered and proctored through the Eller Online Orientation course for all Eller Online applicants.

Information about the Assessment

- 20 total multiple choice questions
- Topics Covered: Financial Accounting and Business Statistics
- Review materials and tutorial videos are available in the Eller Online Orientation course
- Requires a passing score of at least 75% (15/20 total combined score)
  - Students who score below 75% on the first attempt will have the opportunity to retest and improve their score on a similar assessment that is broken down into five 4-question quizzes (within these quizzes you must obtain at least 3/4 on each individual quiz)
  - Students who cannot achieve a passing score of at least 75% will have their Professional Admission delayed until mastery is achieved.
- Sample questions can be found at https://ugrad.eller.arizona.edu/admissions/eller/skills-assessment

ELLER ONLINE PROFESSIONAL ADMISSION CHECKLIST

Please use the following checklist to prepare for the Eller Professional Admission process:

☐ Fill out and submit Professional Admission application online through eSMS as soon as possible
  - You can return to the application at a later time to upload Cover Letter and Resume; but you must first submit the application in order to schedule the required academic advising appointment
  - Note: You will need to authenticate through the eSMS Admissions portal ASAP

☐ After submitting online application, schedule an academic advising appointment through eSMS (Note: Incoming Transfer students should bring unofficial copies of all transcripts to this appointment)

☐ Develop your Cover Letter and Resume, utilizing resources from this packet

☐ Prepare for your interview
  - Consisting mostly of “Behavioral Interview Questions”
  - Practice your One Minute Introduction
  - Read and discuss the Values Case, and be prepared to discuss your decision making process in the interview.
  - Select appropriate Professional Business Attire for interview

☐ Professional Admission decision will be contingent upon completion of your interview, Eller Online Orientation course and Skills Assessment Exam.