Overview
CSU’s Online Professional MBA (OPMBA) program welcomes bright minds from around the world to learn together in one inspirational space. The online MBA offers a comprehensive curriculum that brings the on-campus classroom environment to working professionals via online learning and streaming video. It is designed for maximum flexibility allowing you to maintain your career while obtaining a graduate degree.

The online Master of Business Administration plan of study ensures that you have an understanding of specific concepts before progressing in the program.

Benefits of earning your MBA online from CSU:
• Learn in a challenging academic program guided by distinguished faculty and leading practitioners.
• Work on projects and assignments with fellow students who are experienced professionals from diverse backgrounds.
• Immediately apply relevant knowledge, concepts and analytical tools to on-the-job decisions.
• Complete the degree in as few as 21 months up to five years depending on your schedule at work and home.
• Earn a degree accredited by the AACSB International, the premier international accrediting agency for schools and colleges of business.

Curriculum
This is a professional degree program (Plan C); therefore, you are not required to complete a thesis, final project, or comprehensive final examination. Transfer credits are not accepted.

The Online Professional MBA program can be completed in two years or extended up to five years. The 2-year program requires you to take two courses concurrently, while other plans allow you to take only one course at a time. For plan of study options, visit the Online Professional MBA website.
Application Deadlines

For August start dates: **July 1**
For October start dates: **Sept. 1**
For January start dates: **Dec. 1**
For March start dates: **Feb. 1**
For May start dates: **April 1**

Please be aware that financial aid deadlines may occur before the application for admission deadlines.

1 **Review Admission Requirements**

Online Professional MBA applicants generally must meet or exceed the following criteria:

- An undergraduate degree from an accredited four-year institution in any field with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- A minimum of four years of professional work experience
- International applicants: Internet-based TOEFL score of 86 or higher, or an IELTS score of 6.5 or higher, or a PTE score of 58 or higher

1. While we encourage our students to meet the minimum criteria, failure to meet one may be offset by strengths in other areas, as determined by the Graduate Program Committee.
2. Other testing formats may be accepted. Please contact us for information.

2 **Prepare Application Materials**

**Three professional recommendations**

Recommendations provide insight into your skills and expertise in the professional environment and areas where a graduate degree can help you improve. Three professional recommendations are required. You will provide your recommenders’ information on the online application. CSU will contact them and give them a link to a secure form they will submit on your behalf.

**Statement of Purpose**

A statement of purpose is a one-page letter addressing 1) why you chose our program, 2) what you hope to do with the knowledge and skills you would learn, and 3) what value you and your background would bring to the program. You will upload this document to your online application.

**Current resume**

Describe the responsibilities of your professional experience and what you accomplished while in those positions; show the length of time for each position (including the month and year). International applicants, please provide the city, state, and country for your employment and academic history. You will upload this document to your online application.

**Academic performance explanation** (if GPA is below 3.0)

If your most recent degree (undergraduate or graduate) cumulative GPA is below 3.0, explain the circumstances relating to your past academic performance on your online application.

**English language proficiency test** (if needed)

International applicants must complete the TOEFL or IELTS or PTE if the official language of your country is not English or if you did not earn your undergraduate or graduate degree from a U.S.-accredited institution. Test scores must be submitted directly to Colorado State University (school code 4075) from the testing centers.
How to Apply (Continued)

3 Complete Online Application

Complete Colorado State University’s online graduate application and pay the nonrefundable application processing fee (payable online). As soon as you have completed the required information, please submit your application. You do not need to wait for recommendations or transcripts to move your application forward.

- Select “Business Administration (M.B.A.) – Distance” for the program of study.

4 Submit Online Applicant Data Sheet

Use your CSU ID number to complete and submit the College of Business applicant data sheet. After you submit your application online, you will receive a CSU ID number in approximately two to three days, unless you already have one (alumni and current students).

5 Request Transcripts

Original and official transcripts must be received from each institution you attended, including the institution from which you received your degree. Institutions may mail or email transcripts directly to the address below. If you already have sealed, official copies of your transcripts, you may mail those directly to us. (Student copies are not accepted.)

International applicants: You must submit one set of official transcripts and a degree statement with a certified translation into English from each college or university attended, or notarized/certified copies if you can’t get originals. Documents must show courses and final examinations taken, marks received for each year, and degree or diploma received. These must be mailed to us.

Send e-transcripts to: gradadmissions@colostate.edu

Send paper copies to:
Graduate Admissions
Colorado State University – Office of Admissions
1062 Campus Delivery
Fort Collins, CO 80523-1062

Check Your Application Status

View your application status at any time to ensure your application checklist is complete or to check on updates. Once your complete application, including supporting materials, is received, the department admission committee will review your application and promptly notify you of their decision.