The Smeal Executive MBA program provides a concentration in Executive Leadership and Strategy and can be completed in as little as 17 months. For the first 13 months, students meet on alternating Friday afternoons and Saturdays at The Union League Liberty Hall Conference Center in Lafayette Hill, PA, complemented with two residence weeks on the University Park campus. After the 13 month residency component, students select 6 to 12 credits of online courses to complete their degree and earn an additional concentration. In addition, every graduate has the option to complete one of Penn State Smeal's online graduate certificates. This allows all students to receive the Executive Leadership and Strategy concentration through the EMBA curriculum while allowing each individual to choose an area of specialization. Students must formally apply and be admitted into the certificate program, and online graduate certificates must be completed within three years of graduation.