

Exploring the Elon Experiences (Elon 1010 Activity)

This activity was developed for Elon 1010 but could be adapted for other contexts to help students learn about the [Elon Experiences](#) and which might best align with their personal and professional goals. As part of the Elon Core Curriculum, students must complete 2 units of Elon Experiences to satisfy the [Experiential Learning Requirement](#).

Goals

- Introduce the [Elon Experiences Transcript \(EET\)](#) and the [Facilitating Integration and Reflection of the Elon Experiences \(FIRE\) Toolkit](#) as tools for facilitating reflection on the Elon Experiences.
- Teach students how to access online versions of both resources.
- Model reflective conversation about the Elon Experiences.

Advance Preparation

- Collaborate with your Peer Educator (PE) to invite 3-5 juniors/seniors who have completed a variety of Elon Experiences.
- Ask each student guest to share a copy of their Elon Experiences Transcript (visual or basic) that you can make copies of to distribute in class or share via your Moodle site.
- Order [FIRE Toolkit Decks from Print Services](#) (~\$5 for 1 deck; ~\$34 for 20 decks) or direct students to the [online version of the FIRE Toolkit](#).

During Class

- Distribute FIRE Toolkits to Elon 1010 students (if using the printed decks) or ask students to navigate to [the online version](#).
- Ask guests to introduce themselves and indicate which Elon Experiences they've completed. [5 minutes]
- Invite Elon 1010 students to ask “during” and “post” questions from the FIRE Toolkit to learn more about the guests' Elon Experiences. [20 minutes]
- Distribute/display guests' Elon Experiences Transcripts and discuss how students can use this document. [10 minutes]
- Have PE show students how to access their own Elon Experiences Transcript. It might be blank at this early stage in their Elon journey! That's okay. [5 minutes]
- Show students how to access the online version of the FIRE Toolkit where they can use a Google doc to track their reflections over time. [5 minutes]
- Wrap up with a written reflection or discussion using one of the Across your Elon Experiences: Pre-Experience Reflection questions. Collect from students or ask them to bring their reflection to their pre-registration advising appointment. [5 minutes]

Accessing Elon Experiences Information and the Elon Experiential Visual Transcript

Viewing Elon Experiences Information on OnTrack as a Student

- Step 1: Log into OnTrack
- Step 2: Go to the “Academics” tab in the sidebar and select “Elon Experiences”

Ordering Elon Experiential Visual Transcript via Parchment

- Step 1: Visit <https://www.elon.edu/u/registrar/transcripts-and-records/transcripts/>
- Step 2: Select “Log in via Elon Email,” and log in with your regular Elon credentials
- Step 3: Select “Order” in the “Experiences Visual Transcript” section
- Step 4: Select “I’m sending to myself or another individual” on the Delivery Destination page
- Step 5: Complete form

Viewing Elon Experiences Information on OnTrack as an Advisor

- Login to [OnTrack](#).
- Navigate to the Advising Screen.
- On your advisee’s record, click on “Elon Experiences (EET),” placed next to the unofficial transcript tab.

Accessing the Online Version of the FIRE Toolkit

- Visit <https://www.centerforengagedlearning.org/fire/>.
- Use the side navigation to browse questions specific to each Elon Experience.
- At the end of each page, students can open a Google Doc version of the questions and save a copy to track their reflections over time.

Examples of How Students Use the EET and the FIRE Toolkit

- Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) students used the FIRE Toolkit to talk with peers about other Elon Experiences they’d completed or were thinking about pursuing. They used the EET to reflect on how they’d represented completed experiences on LinkedIn and on their resumes.
- Students in peer-mentoring roles have used the FIRE Toolkit to facilitate conversations about the Elon Experiences with their mentees.

Examples of How Staff and Faculty use the EET and FIRE Toolkit with Students

- Advisors have used the FIRE Toolkit to talk with students about *why* students are considering certain Elon Experiences and how the activities support students' personal and professional goals.
- Supervisors have used the FIRE Toolkit to talk with student employees about how prior Elon Experiences connect with students' responsibilities at work.
- Senior seminar faculty and National and International Fellowships Office staff have used both tools to help students reflect on how they're integrating stories about their Elon Experiences into application materials for jobs, graduate school, and fellowship programs.

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