

Going to Graduate or Professional School?



MAKE SURE
YOU TAKE THE
RIGHT STEPS!

1.

DO RESEARCH AND GET SCORES

Research different programs and different schools. Take your entrance exam (GRE, LSAT, GMAT, MCAT, etc...) early so you are aware of your scores and your true range of options. Consider:

- the curriculum
- admission requirements
- ability to finance your education through working
- financial aid
- assistantship opportunities

2.

NARROW DOWN CHOICES

You should have several choices of schools and programs. Graduate programs can be very competitive, so have several options. Apply to a handful of schools, but remember, the application process can be expensive, so use discretion and only apply if you are a serious candidate for that program.

3.

SEEK OUT REFERENCES

You will need three to five letters of reference to complete your application. Consider professors and university personnel, as well as former employers and professional contacts. Provide your references with information about your experiences and the programs you are considering. Ask at least two weeks prior; it is very rude to ask at the last minute.

4.

PREPARE APPLICATIONS

Prepare application materials, including curriculum vitae, resume, personal statement, and essays of intent. Request transcripts from all colleges attended. Different schools may request different information.

5.

REVIEW MATERIALS

Have professors and Career Services review your materials and make sure they are complete and error free.

6.

APPLY EARLY

"On-time" is late. Apply as soon as your programs start accepting applications.