

**Graduate School Application Planning PowerPoint Guide**

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This workshop and guide was designed specifically as a self-guided workshop, therefore the content and structure might be different than similar documents from an in-person workshop. Please contact Career Development Services if you have any questions regarding the information presented in this guide or workshop.

**Slide 1: Introduction** Welcome to the Preparing for Graduate School Workshop. This workshop is a brief overview of how to prepare for the graduate school application process. This workshop is not designed to replace the graduate school bound program. The graduate school bound program is a hand-on experience online that covers the entire [6 modules of Graduate School preparation and application process](#). Please contact the Career Center if you are interested in learning about the graduate school bound program during [Drop-In Career Counseling](#).

**Slide 2: Learning Objectives**

**Slide 3: Agenda**

**Slide 4 & 5: Key Factors To Consider: Why Graduate School?**

Provide your objective for obtaining a graduate degree.

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**Slides 6-12: Graduate School Objectives/Goals: Career Goal, Compensation & Staying Marketable**

What factors above is relevant to your situation? What do you need to consider?

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**Top 3 Career(s) or Job Type(s) related to your degree interests:**

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**Slides 13-16: When to Attend Graduate School**

When do you think you will attend graduate school? Why?

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What are your pro(s) and con(s) based on when you will attend graduate school?

Pro(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Con(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Slides 17-20: Testing**

What tests are relevant to your graduate program of study?

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What test prep resources will you consider? Do you have a budget?

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**Slides 21-28: Application Timeline:**

1. What programs/schools are you considering? (minimum of 3-5) \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What information do you need to research regarding graduate schools or programs?

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3. When do you plan on studying & taking your test(s)? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Which faculty might assist you with letters of recommendation? \_\_\_\_\_
5. When will you ask for your letters of recommendation? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What types of Essays are required for your graduate programs? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What will you write about or needs to be included in your essay(s) \_\_\_\_\_
8. What information will you need to obtain during a Graduate & Professional School Fair?  
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9. What are your graduate application submission deadlines? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Slides 29-36: Graduate School Application Resources**

What information or assistance will you need from your faculty?

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What programs or services would you need from Career Development Services?

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### **Things to do next...**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Research Graduate Schools                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Review Graduate School Handbook                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Review Application Requirements                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Review Graduate School Bound Program                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visit Drop-In Counseling for Application Advising | <input type="checkbox"/> Talk to Faculty about Graduate School Career Pathways |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Edit CV/Resume for Graduate School Application    | <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Graduate School Fair                           |

### **Questions to consider...**

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| 1. How will I finance my graduate education?               | 7. What are the skills or attributes needed to successfully complete a graduate program? |
| 2. What kind of Financial Aid is available?                | 8. Do I need to have research experience?  |
| 3. Is the location of the school important?                | 9. Do I need to have work experience?  |
| 4. Is the graduate program related to my career objective? | 10. Are there pre-requisites I need to take?   |
| 5. How will I be a competitive candidate?                  | 11. How do I know which school/program is right for me?                                  |
| 6. How does the selection process work?                    |  |

### **Create a few questions you need help answering by Faculty:**

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Create a few questions you need help answering by Career Development Services:**

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