

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.

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?

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

Slides 13-16: When to Attend Graduate School

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

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?

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

Slides 21-28: Application Timeline:

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

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

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?

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?

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

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:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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

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