



Plan B: Graduate School or Full-Time Work?

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Slide 1: Introduction

Slide 2: Learning Objectives

Slide 3: Agenda

Slide 4 - 6: What are your plans?

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| a) Want to go to graduate school full-time | d) Want to work part-time and go to graduate school full-time |
| b) Want to begin work job right after graduation | e) Not sure |
| c) Want to work full-time and go to graduate part-time | |

Provide your objective for obtaining a graduate degree.

Slides 7-13: 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 14-17: 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 18-25: 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?

Slides 26-27 Researching Employment Opportunities – Complete the following research:

☐ www.bls.gov

☐ www.myplan.com

☐ <http://mynextmove.org>

☐ <http://www.onetonline.org>

Slide 28 Basic Job Search Strategy – Complete the following checklist:

- ☐ Create Dolphin CareerLink Profile
- ☐ Download Resume Handbook
- ☐ Create A Resume
- ☐ Create A Cover Letter
- ☐ Create A References Page

Slide 29 Research Companies

Candidates with experience:

What types of employers interest you? _____

Write Down Skills you believe are desirable in your field. _____

Candidates with little or no experience:

Who would you like to conduct an informational interview(s) with? _____

What skills would you like to gain from an internship? _____

Slide 30 Search Plan

Questions to think about/ask yourself...

How many hours are you willing to dedicate to your **job search** per week? What will you spend this time doing? _____

Slide 31 Employer Advice

What do you need to do to be prepared in your job search? _____

Slides 32-33 Proactive Job Search

What is the hidden job market? _____

Slide 34 Active Engagement - Research

How will you actively engage in a proactive job search? _____

How would you answer an employer's question "Why do you want to work at XYZ company?" _____

Slide 35 Market Yourself

How do you define professionalism? _____

Slides 36-37 Networking and Tips For Success

What are different ways of networking you will utilize from the diagram to follow-up and stay connected with new contacts? _____

How do you maintain a positive attitude, should your search last six months, one year or even longer? _____

Things to do next...

- ☐ Research Graduate Schools
- ☐ Review Application Requirements
- ☐ Visit Drop-In Counseling for Application Advising
- ☐ Edit CV/Resume for Graduate School Application
- ☐ Review Graduate School Handbook
- ☐ Review Graduate School Bound Program
- ☐ Talk to Faculty about Graduate School Career Pathways
- ☐ Attend Graduate School Fair
- ☐ Develop a proactive job search strategy
- ☐ Research companies related to your career interests
- ☐ Create your LinkedIn Account
- ☐ Talk to Faculty about your Career Interests
- ☐ Attend a Networking Event within ____ days
- ☐ Attend Career Fair within ____ days
- ☐ Attend Graduate School Fair within ____ days

Questions to consider...

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

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:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____