

E-PASS: Strategies for Graduate School Planning

EXPLORE

Why Graduate School?
Is Graduate School for me?
What do I need to know about Graduate School?

PREPARE

- ✓ Make lists of programs, locations and subject areas of interest.
- ✓ Discuss options and application requirements with your academic advisor and/or career advisor at [Center for Professional Excellence](#).
- ✓ Make contacts for letters of recommendation and notify them of letter due dates, qualifications, special requirements and other pertinent information.
- ✓ Sign up for appropriate entrance exam.
- ✓ Register early for test date.
- ✓ Note specific application procedures as designated by the school to which you are applying.
- ✓ Consider taking a preparatory course for the exam or using free practice tests.
- ✓ Look into internships, job opportunities, undergraduate research experiences and/or informational interviews in your field.

APPLY

- ✓ Take the entrance exam!
- ✓ Begin gathering applications for potential graduate schools.
- ✓ Create a calendar of deadlines for your application materials.
- ✓ Write applications, essays and/or personal statements using academic advisors, the [Learning Center](#) and [Center for Professional Excellence](#).
- ✓ Request transcripts from each undergrad institution you have attended.
- ✓ Touch base with anyone writing your letters of recommendation.

SELECT

- ✓ Determine sources of funding. File any applications including the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#).
- ✓ Double check with all graduate schools to ensure your application file is complete.
- ✓ Make arrangements to visit schools that accept you. Attend a class and talk to professors and current students.
- ✓ Send deposit to institution of your choice

SUCCEED

Begin your Graduate School journey!
Good luck!