



What Should I Know About Applying to Graduate School?

Tests for Graduate School:

- GRE (Graduate Record Exam) – Human Services, Psychology, Education, Public Health, and some Business programs
- GMAT (Graduate Management Admissions Test) – Accounting, Finance, and other Business programs
- LSAT (Law School Admissions Test) – All law and various legal studies programs
- MCAT (Medical College Admissions Tests) – Medical school

Typical Application Items:

- Test Scores
- Final Transcripts
- 3 Letters of Recommendation
- Personal Statement
- Resume

Grad School Application Timeline

*A good timeline for you all depends on the application deadline.
Here is a sample timeline that can help you stay organized:*

Six Months Before:

- Determine a list of schools to send applications to
- Begin studying for any required test (GRE, etc.) or enroll in a prep course

Four Months Before:

- Request a letter of recommendations from recommenders
- Write draft of essay and take it to a writing tutor or professor for edits

Three Months Before:

- Take the required graduate school test

One Month Before:

- Request official transcript request from the registrar
- Make final edits to essay and proofread it again
- Make any updates to your resume

AT LEAST One Week Before the Deadline:

- Submit your Application!

Questions for Admissions Offices:

Admissions Questions

- Am I required to do an interview?
- How heavily do they weigh test scores?
- How many students are admitted into the program versus the number of applicants?
- What's the top thing they look for in application materials that would make it more competitive?
- Does this program prefer to admit applicants with real-world experience, rather than applicants straight out of college?
- How long does the process take until hearing a final decision?

Funding Questions

- Do they offer assistantships? If so how do they compensate you? (Stipend, scholarship money, etc)
- What are the options for scholarships with the program? When are the deadlines for those?
- Does the school offer need-based grants? How is that determined?

Other

- Do they offer housing for grad students?
- Are there required field or practicum hours needed to complete the program?
- Will the school help with finding field placements?
- Where are graduates from this program working?

Resources

Find Graduate Schools Here:

www.gradschools.com

<http://www.princetonreview.com/graduate-school.aspx>

<http://www.petersons.com/graduate-schools.aspx>

Free Test Prep:

GRE: <http://www.princetonreview.com/graduate-school.aspx>

GMAT: <http://www.veritasprep.com/gmat/free-gmat-practice-test/>

LSAT: <http://www.lsatestexampracticetests.com/>

MCAT: <http://www.kaptest.com/MCAT/Explore-the-MCAT/Anatomy-of-the-MCAT/mcat-practice-test.html>