

Module 15

Going to Graduate School

Objective 1

1. To explore issues important to you in pursuing graduate/professional education.

Below Are Activities to Help You Achieve This Objective

- a. View *Going to Graduate School* at career.fsu.edu/Images/PDFS/Guides/GoingtoGraduateSchool.pdf
- b. Review materials in the Mobile File folder for Module 15 “Exploring Graduate Education.”
- c. Attend a Going to Graduate School workshop.

Objective 2

2. To identify graduate/professional education programs in your chosen field of study.

Here below Are Activities to Help You Achieve This Objective

- a. For information on graduate programs and advanced degrees, perform a Career Key search. Click on “Colleges/Universities” then “Grad & Professional Schools”.
- b. Review selected general resource books:
 - *Medical School Admissions Adviser*..... IIB 29-1060 K3
 - *Peterson’s Guides to Graduate & Professional Programs*..... III C2 P413
 - *Getting the MBA Admissions Edge*..... IIC2 M4
 - *The Princeton Review’s Best 162 Medical Schools* IIC2 S7
 - *OFFICIAL GUIDE to ABA-Approved Law Schools* IIC2 L28
 - *Graduate Study in Psychology: American Psychological Association*..... IIB 19-3030 A41
- c. Use the Choices Planner (bridges.com/cpflorida) computer program to search for graduate programs matching selected criteria. Select the “Jump in” option in Choices Planner.

Objective 3

3. To investigate selected graduate/professional education programs.

Below Are Activities to Help You Achieve This Objective

- a. Review the appropriate sections of the general resource books listed in the previous section.
- b. Review graduate program materials; and see FSU information in section III at the Career Center Library.
- c. Visit gradschools.com to access information about graduate programs, fellowships, and admissions tests. Also, visit any Web sites for institutions in which you have an interest.
- d. Obtain program and university materials for your own use by e-mailing or calling both the program office and graduate admissions office of those programs you wish to consider further (this information can easily be found in the Peterson’s Guide at petersons.com).

- e. Arrange for a personal interview with appropriate faculty/staff in programs you are seriously considering. If this is not possible, write, telephone, or e-mail.
- f. Talk to FSU faculty or students that might be familiar with the programs you are considering. Ask to see the *FSU Faculty Resource Directory* located at the career advisor desk.
- g. For rankings of graduate and professional programs, review *The Gourman Report*, IIC G42 or look online usnews.com/rankings.
- h. Attend our Graduate & Professional School Expo held in the fall. See career.fsu.edu/calendar

Objective 4

- 4. Develop a strategy to gain admission to your graduate/professional programs of choice.

Below Are Activities to Help You Achieve This Objective

- a. Read "Applying to Graduate and Professionals Schools," in *Peterson's Graduate and Professional Programs*. Also visit petersons.com for additional information on applying to graduate school.
- b. Visit relevant Web sites associated with your graduate and professional school goals (gmac.com, prelaw.fsu.edu, med.fsu.edu/index.cfm?page=AdvisingOutreach.home).
- c. Read articles related to graduate admissions located in Module 15 of the Mobile File.
- d. Review resources on personal statements and admission essays in section IIC of the Career Center Library. See the sample *Personal Statement* notebook (III C2 P3) and the *Writing a Personal Statement* guide at career.fsu.edu/IMAGES/PDFS/Guides/WritingaPersonalStatement.pdf
- e. Find out about, register for, prepare for, and take the appropriate admission test(s). Visit Evaluation Services in University Center C 1100 for information on the tests. See information materials in the mobile file for Module 15 and these specific resources:
 - Get into Law School: A Strategic Approach.....III C2 L33
 - Medical School Admission Requirements.....III C2 M41
 - GRE Test Prep on CD-ROM..... IIC2 K2
 - GMAT.....IIB 11-0000 K31
- f. Investigate financing options for graduate/professional education.
 - Review financial aid resource materials in section IIIF & the Fellowship/Grad Asst folder.
 - Visit financialaid.fsu.edu.
 - Contact your program(s) of choice to ask about financial aid.
 - Read "Financial Aid for Graduate & Professional Education" located in *Peterson's*.
 - Use the financial aid awards database in the Choices Planner computer program (bridges.com/cpflorida).

