

Module 15

Going to Graduate School

Objective 1

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

Activities to Help You Achieve This Objective

- View *Going to Graduate School* at <http://career.fsu.edu/Resources/Career-Guides>
- Review materials in the Mobile File folder for Module 15 *Going to Graduate School*.
- Attend a Going to Graduate School workshop.

Objective 2

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

Activities to Help You Achieve This Objective

- Review selected general resource books:
Medical School Admissions Adviser..... IIC4 L6
Peterson's Guides to Graduate & Professional Programs..... IIC1 P416
Getting the MBA Admissions Edge..... IIC2 M4
The Best 168 Medical Schools..... IIC4 S7
Official Guide to ABA-Approved Law Schools..... IIC3 L28
Graduate Study in Psychology: American Psychological Association..... IIC1 A44

Objective 3

3. To investigate selected graduate/professional education programs.

Activities to Help You Achieve This Objective

- Review the appropriate sections of the general resource books listed in the previous section.
- Review graduate program materials and see FSU information in section III at the Career Center Library.
- 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.
- 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).
- 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.

- 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.
- For rankings of graduate and professional programs, review *The Gourman Report*, IIC G42 or look online usnews.com/rankings.
- Attend our Graduate & Professional School Expo held in the fall. See career.fsu.edu/calendar

Objective 4

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4. To develop a strategy to gain admission to your graduate/professional programs of choice.

Activities to Help You Achieve This Objective

- 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.
- Visit relevant Web sites associated with your graduate and professional school goals (gmac.com, prelaw.fsu.edu, <https://med.fsu.edu/?page=prospectiveStudents.home>).
- 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: <http://career.fsu.edu/Resources/Career-Guides>
- Read articles related to graduate admissions located in Module 15 of the Mobile File (Section I of the Career Center Library).
- Review select Career Center Library print resources:

<i>Get into Graduate School</i>	IIC K31
<i>Get into Law School: A Strategic Approach</i>	IIC3 L33
<i>Medical School Admission Requirements</i>	IIC4 M52
<i>GMAT Premier</i>	IID K32
- 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.
- Investigate financing options for graduate/professional education.
 - i. Review financial aid resource materials in section IIIF & the Fellowship/Grad Asst folder.
 - ii. Visit financialaid.fsu.edu
 - iii. Contact your program(s) of choice to ask about financial aid (department contact information can be found by search the department name at www.fsu.edu).
 - iv. Read “Financial Aid for Graduate & Professional Education” located in *Peterson’s*.

