

THINKING ABOUT GRADUATE SCHOOL?

Graduate/Professional School Checklist

It is important to start gathering information early in order to complete your applications on time. You should start the process a full year and a half before the anticipated date of admission.

Spring of Sophomore Year & Fall of Junior Year

- Explore programs of interest. Discuss programs with professors and advisors.
- Look through the Peterson's Guide and the Guide to Graduate & Professional Schools, Barron's Guide to Law School, & Baron's Guide to Medical & Dental Schools for more information regarding these programs.
- Request admission & financial aid information (research scholarships, grants & assistantships & fellowships).
- Get to know faculty members who can provide strong letters of recommendation by your senior year.
- Check on application deadlines & rolling admissions policies.
- Register for the national application or data assembly service for medical or law school.

Spring of Junior Year

- Register for the required exam (i.e. GRE, GMAT, LSAT, MCAT).
- Schedule and go on campus visits.

Fall of Senior Year

- Complete each application and submit materials to selected programs.
- Send your test scores & official transcripts to the schools of your choice.
- Submit financial aid forms to the schools of your choice.
- Ask a professor to proofread your applications.
- Ask faculty to write letters of recommendations (be sure to give them at least four to six weeks advance notice). Provide addressed, stamped envelopes. Send thank-you notes to people who wrote your recommendation letters.

Spring of Senior Year

- Check with all institutions before the deadline to make sure your file is complete.
- Notify other colleges & universities that accepted you of your decision so they may admit students on their waiting list.

For additional information visit the following websites:

Peterson's Guide: www.petersons.com
Graduate Schools: www.graduateschools.com
US Colleges & Universities: www.uscollegesearch.org