

Graduate School

Questions to consider

- Why do I want to complete a graduate degree?
- How will a graduate degree improve my career prospects?
- Do I have the resources and criteria to continue my education beyond a bachelor's degree?

Researching programs and making decisions

- Explore programs that meet your career interests
- Identify and categorize programs based on your needs (e.g., GPA, GRE, location, funding)
- Ask faculty, advisors, career consultants, or industry professionals for advice or suggestions
- Determine financial aid and scholarship opportunities that will offset costs
- Consider professional accreditation of graduate programs for career mobility

Applying for graduate school

- Make a list of requirements for your programs to keep track of your materials and deadlines
- Request 3-5 people to serve as strong references and share guidelines with letter writers
- Write your personal statement and have Career Services and other resources review it
- Apply for research or teaching assistantships to build related experience
- Study and take the admissions test and practice interviewing skills (if required for the program)

General tips for graduate school applications

- Schedule your exams at a test taking facility at least 3 months before the application due date
 - o Allow 1 month before the due date to retake the exam if needed
- Call admission offices to ask questions or clarify any details if you are unsure
- Expect variations in application processes and materials that will differ by program
- Provide full instructions to letter writers and notify them at least 4 weeks before the due date
- Send transcripts from all colleges and universities attended to the graduate programs

Online resources to research graduate programs

General research for programs

Gradschoolmatch

Allied health

- Accreditation Council for Genetic Counseling (ACGC)
- Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA)
- American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)
- Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)
- Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)
- Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE)

Applied and natural science, computing, engineering and engineering technology

- Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET)
- Commission on Accreditation of Medical Physics Education Programs (CAMPEP)
- Human Factors and Ergonomics Society (HFES)

Business administration

Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)

Clinical, counseling and/or school psychology

- American Psychological Association (APA)
- National Association of School Psychologists (NASP)

Counseling, marriage and family therapy, and social work

- Commission on Accreditation of Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE)
- Council on Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)
- Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

Journalism and mass communications

• Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications (ACEJMC)

Library and information sciences

American Library Association (ALA)

Public health and healthcare administration

- Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME)
- Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH)

Speech-language pathology and audiology

• American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)

General information	
City, state	
Rank information	
Web address	
Faculty/student ratio	
Degree program/type (MFA, AuD, PhD)	
Why am I interested in this program?	
Admissions information	
Admissions contact name Email address Phone number	
Physical/mailing address	
Due date for application	
Application fee	
Date application submitted	
Acceptance statistics	
Accept or decline by date	
Pre-requisites needed?	
Application requirements	
Minimum GRE scores and GPA	
Other standardized tests (e.g., TOEFL)	
Faculty research interests/specializations	
Personal statement character/page limits	
Resume/CV requirements	
Number of recommendation letters and from whom	
Student life	
Health/wellness/medical facilities	
Extracurricular/professional organizations	
Diversity/multicultural organizations	

Finances	
Yearly tuition	
Yearly fees	
Books/supplies	
Room and board	
Medical	
Internet/cable/TV	
Utilities	
Transportation	
Other expenses:	
Estimated total	
Assistantships/graduate student funding	
Related practicum/internship/work sites	
Financial aid office information	
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