

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/education/graduate/graduate-school-guide.html
- 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*..... II C2
 - *Peterson’s Guide to MBA Programs*IIB 11-0000 P4
 - *The Princeton Review’s Best 162 Medical Schools* IIB 29-1060 P7
 - *OFFICIAL GUIDE to ABA-Approved Law Schools*IIB 23-1011 L28
 - *Graduate Study in Psychology: American Psychological Association*.....IIB 19-3030 A41
- c. Use the eDiscover and Choices Planner (bridges.com/cpflorida) computer programs to search for graduate programs matching selected criteria. Obtain a password from a career advisor to use eDiscover; 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*, IIIC G42 or look online at **usnews.com/sections/rankings**.
- h. Attend our Graduate & Professional School Expo held in the fall. See **career.fsu.edu/calendar**

Objective 4

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

Below Are Activities to Help You Achieve This Objective

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- 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/PreHealthAdvising**).
 - 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 IIIC 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/education/graduate/personal-statement-guide.html**
 - 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.....II B23 – 1011 L33
 - Medical School Admission AdvisorIIB 29-1060 K3
 - GRE Test Prep on CD-ROM..... IIIC2 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**)

