

General Graduate School Application Tips

Not School or Program Specific

- Timing of Applications
 - Start your application process early
 - Start reviewing program information online in your junior year/a year before you intend to graduate
 - When reviewing the programs, make note of the following items
 - Application requirements
 - Application deadlines
 - Method of submission for applications
 - Program accreditation
 - Courses offered
 - Clinical opportunities
 - Research opportunities
 - Faculty
- Standardized Tests (GRE, etc.)
 - If a program requires completion of a standardized assessment such as the GRE, start preparing for this test near the end of your junior year and plan to start taking the test in the summer between your junior/senior year
- Letters of Recommendation
 - Avoid asking professors/instructors for letters of recommendation “at the last minute” (i.e., a few weeks or a month before the letter is needed/at the end of the fall semester)
 - Plan to ask professors/instructors for letters of recommendation by midterm of the semester
- Essays/Video Submissions
 - Carefully review each program’s guidelines for these possible requirements and make sure that your work lines up with the requested information/format
- Resumes
 - Take advantage of available resources – many campuses have writing or career prep centers that will provide advice and proofreading services related to resumes
- Organization
 - Have a plan for keeping deadlines and application requirements organized