

# Graduate School Planning Process

The graduate school planning process can be overwhelming. Be sure that you seek out support and advice from faculty in each specific discipline and alumni in the field. Career advisors at the CDC are always available to help you in the decision-making and/or application process.

## TIMELINE AND CHECKLIST

- √ **Research** graduate/professional school programs and requirements
- √ **Research** financial aid sources, scholarships, and fellowships
- √ **Request** catalogs and applications
- √ **Determine** test requirements, test dates, and application deadlines
- √ **Complete** test registration form and take appropriate tests
- √ **Request** faculty, administrator, coach or employer letters of recommendation
- √ **Write** application statements/essays
- √ **Submit** applications, letters of recommendation, transcripts, and required fees by deadline
- √ **Attend** graduate/professional school forums and presentations
- √ **Visit** schools and contact current students and alumni of program
- √ **Discuss** acceptances and career options

## ADVISING RESOURCES AT BROWN

- **Pre-Med and Health Careers Advising:** [http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Dean\\_of\\_the\\_College/hco/](http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Dean_of_the_College/hco/)
- **Law School Advising:** [http://brown.edu/Administration/Dean\\_of\\_the\\_College/advising/](http://brown.edu/Administration/Dean_of_the_College/advising/)

## RESOURCES ON THE WEB

- **The Princeton Review** provides test tips, financial aid, and related links for Graduate, Business, Law and Medical School: [www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com)
- **Peterson's Education Center** allows you to search over 30,000 graduate programs and 900 MBA programs: [www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com)
- **Selecting a Law School** is an excellent article for those considering or evaluating J.D. programs: <http://www.napla.org/selecting.htm>
- **MBA.com** is a comprehensive website for general MBA information: [www.mba.com](http://www.mba.com)
- **Schools of Public Health Application Service (SOPHAS)** is a service of the 40 CEPH accredited schools of public health: <http://www.sophas.org>
- **Boston College Law School Locator** lists the 25th to 75th percentile LSAT scores and GPA ranges of first year classes at accredited law schools: <http://www.bc.edu/offices/careers/gradschool/law/lawlocator.html>

## NATIONAL GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL TEST INFORMATION

- **Law School Admission Test (LSAT):** [www.lsac.org](http://www.lsac.org)
- **Medical College Admission Test (MCAT):** [www.aamc.org](http://www.aamc.org)
- **Graduate Record Examination (GRE):** [www.gre.org](http://www.gre.org)
- **Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT):** [www.gmac.com](http://www.gmac.com)