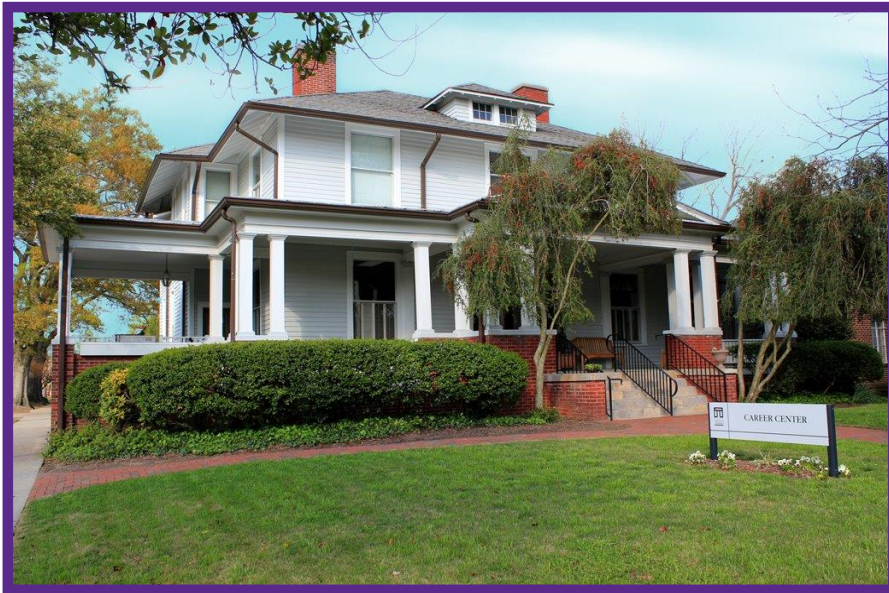


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Should I Go to Grad School?

- ✓ **Do I have a clear idea of the career I want to pursue?**
- ✓ **Is a graduate or professional degree a requirement for my career?**
- ✓ **Will a graduate degree make employment easier, or more difficult?**
- ✓ **What can I do with my bachelors degree?**

Should I Go to Grad School?

- ✓ **Will the time, work and money I spend in grad school be a good investment?**
- ✓ **Is there another avenue for continued learning?**
- ✓ **Do I have the personal qualities and skills needed to be successful in grad school?**

DON'T Go to Grad School....

✓ ...by default.

“If I don’t get a job, I’ll go to grad school.”

✓ ...out of fear.

“I don’t want to find a job. It’s too scary out there.”

✓ ...to postpone difficult decisions.

“I don’t know what my career interests really are.”

Which Academic Program Should I Consider?

- Which institutions offer my desired program?
- Which do faculty recommend?
- Which do professionals in the field recommend?
- Which are accredited?
- Which are highly rated by national and/or professional reports?

Which Academic Program Should I Consider?

Evaluate the programs

- Admissions requirements
- Academic program emphasis
- Quality of faculty
- Quality of facilities
- Cost and financial aid
- Location and size
- Post-graduation employment

How Do I Apply for Graduate or Professional School?

STEP ONE:

- Research academic areas of interest, specific programs and institutions.
- Review print and web information on specific graduate or professional school programs.
- Determine where to apply. Consider 1-3 “Reach” programs, 1-4 “Probably” programs, and 1-3 “Safety” programs.
- Register and prepare for graduate admissions tests.

How Do I Apply for Graduate or Professional School?

Graduate Admissions Tests

- **Graduate Record Exam (GRE)**
 - Includes General Test and Subject Tests
- **Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT)**
 - Required for most Business and MBA programs
- **Law School Admissions Test (LSAT)**
 - Assesses reading, reasoning and writing

How Do I Apply for Graduate or Professional School?

Graduate Admissions Tests

- **Miller Analogy Test (MAT)**
 - Uses verbal analogies to test reasoning ability. Sometimes used in lieu of GRE.
- **Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT)**
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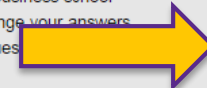
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The image shows a screenshot of the Kaplan Test Prep website. The header includes the Kaplan Test Prep logo, the phone number 1-800-KAP-TEST, and links for Help and Log In. A search bar contains the text "Enter keyword or class code" and a dropdown menu shows "US & Canada". The main content area features the text "Where will you take you?" with "you" in green. A green button labeled "Start here" is positioned below the text. A yellow arrow points from the "Start here" button to a "You ARE HERE" label on a horizontal timeline. From this label, three white arrows branch out towards the right, pointing towards various career paths listed on the page: Doctor?, Nurse?, Entrepreneur?, Lawyer?, Engineer?, and Dentist?. Other career paths listed include Architect?, Optometrist?, CEO?, Psychologist?, Pharmacist?, Surgeon?, College Grad?, and Dentist?.

Graduate Admissions

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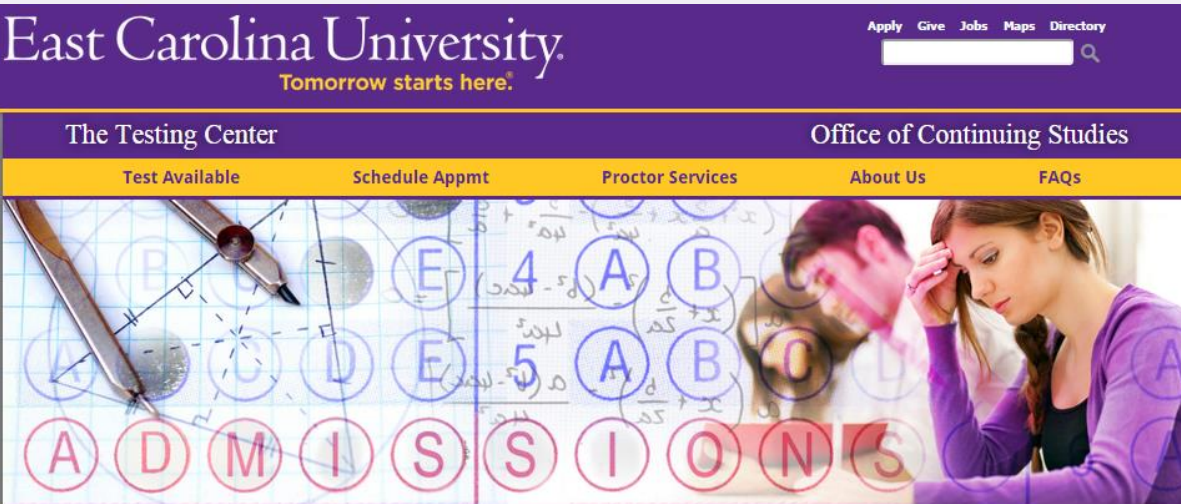
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How Do I Apply for Graduate or Professional School?

STEP TWO:

- Write for application materials.
- Note application deadlines and procedures.
- Visit campuses and programs of interest.
- Write application essay or statement of purpose.
- Take practice graduate admissions tests.
- Register for national application or data assembly service, if applicable.

How Do I Apply for Graduate or Professional School?

STEP THREE: *Senior Year, Fall*

- Take appropriate graduate admissions test.
- Research financial aid sources, fellowships and assistantships.
- Request letters of recommendation from faculty.
- Send in completed applications.

How Do I Apply for Graduate or Professional School?

Step Four: *Senior Year, Spring*

- Order official transcripts from Registrar's office with Fall grades.
- Register for GAPS FAS, if required.
- Discuss acceptances, rejections and other career options with faculty and The Career Center.
- Once accepted, submit deposit and registration material. Notify other programs of your enrollment decision.
- Send thank you notes to references, and inform them of your success.

Grad School Web Sites

The screenshot shows the Peterson's Graduate Schools website. At the top, the Peterson's logo is on the left, with "COLLEGE BOUND" and "GRAD SCHOOL BOUND" in the center, and "SIGN UP" and "SIGN IN" buttons on the right. Below this is a navigation bar with links for "GRADUATE SEARCH", "HOW TO CHOOSE", "HOW TO GET IN", "HOW TO PAY", and "TEST PREP", along with a search bar and "ADVANCED SEARCH". The main content area features a large heading "Find a graduate school that's right for you!" and two primary search options: a "3-Step Graduate Program Match Tool" and a "Search by School Name or Keyword" section. The match tool asks for the degree level (Doctorate, Master's, or Certificate) and has a "NEXT STEP" button. The search section includes a keyword input field, a "SEARCH" button, and suggestions for search terms like "Harvard University" and "Applied Mathematics". Below these are "Other ways to search" options, including "Graduate Schools by Subject". At the bottom, there are sections for "HOW TO CHOOSE", "HOW TO GET IN", "HOW TO PAY", and "TEST PREP", a featured article titled "Should you go to graduate school?" with a "CONTINUE READING" button, and a "Most popular articles" section with three article thumbnails.

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The screenshot shows the GraduateGuide.com website. At the top, the logo reads "GraduateGuide" with a graduation cap icon. To the right, it says "Welcome to GraduateGuide.com - a directory of Graduate Schools in the United States and Canada". There are social media icons for RSS, Facebook, and Twitter, and a "SIGN-UP FOR OUR NEWSLETTER!" button. A navigation bar contains links for "GRADUATE SCHOOL SEARCH", "GRADUATE MAJORS", "NEWS", "RESOURCES", "TOP GRAD SCHOOLS", and "HOW TO PAY". A search bar is located on the right side.

On the left sidebar, there are sections for "TOP GRADUATE PROGRAMS" and "SPONSORED GRADUATE SCHOOLS". The "TOP GRADUATE PROGRAMS" list includes: Education (1208), Business & Commerce (1204), Psychology & Behavioral Sciences (826), Health Professions & Medical Science (701), Nursing (578), Computer Science/Information Systems (557), Biological/Life Sciences (543), Theology/Religion/Ministry (484), Engineering & Technology (372), Social Work (287), Law (277), and Architecture (132). The "SPONSORED GRADUATE SCHOOLS" section lists: The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, Bridgewater State University College of Graduate Studies, NYIT (New York Institute of Technology), Adler Graduate Degrees in Public Policy, and Regent.

The main content area is titled "SEARCH FOR THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF YOUR CHOICE" and features a large aerial photograph of a university campus with red-tiled roofs. Below the photo is a navigation bar with "Search By:" and three tabs: "GRADUATE PROGRAM", "ZIP CODE", and "DISTANCE LEARNING". The "GRADUATE PROGRAM" tab is selected. Below this are three search fields: "Name or Keyword:" with an input box, "Graduate Major:" with a dropdown menu showing "click to select", and "State or Province:" with a dropdown menu showing "any state". A green "SEARCH" button with a magnifying glass icon is at the bottom right of the search area.

On the right sidebar, there are sections for "TOP GRADUATE LOCATIONS" and "SPONSORED GRADUATE SCHOOLS". The "TOP GRADUATE LOCATIONS" list includes: Greater New York (182), Greater Boston (115), Los Angeles (107), Philadelphia (82), Chicago (78), Washington DC (61), San Francisco Bay Area (57), Atlanta (48), Miami - Fort Lauderdale (32), Minneapolis - Saint Paul (29), Detroit (25), Cleveland (24), and Tampa - Saint Petersburg (15). The "SPONSORED GRADUATE SCHOOLS" section lists: American University (with a description of a Digital Media Skills certificate), Lock Haven University (with a description of a nationally ranked PA program), Excelsior - MBA (with a description of an online MBA program), and Trident University International (with a description of high-quality post-graduate degrees).

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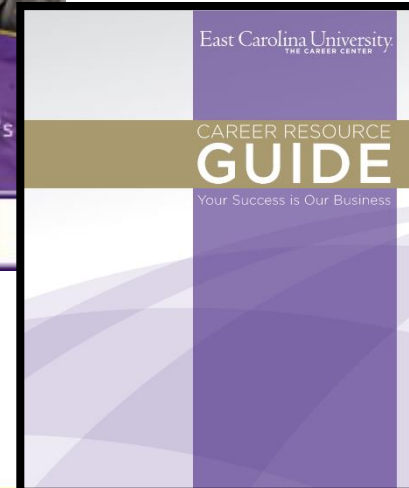


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