3 STEPS TO PLANNING FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL

1 Self-Evaluation

- Know why you want to pursue a graduate or professional degree
  - Ask yourself: how important is the degree in your overall goals?
  - Use degrees.unm.edu to find the best graduate or professional degree fit for your goals at UNM

2 Research Graduate Schools

- Do an extensive research of graduate schools and programs to meet your pursuits
  - Connect with the programs (email, phone call, campus visits, etc.)
  - Research what type of entrance exam will be needed (GRE, MCAT, LSAT, etc.)
  - Evaluate the programs and prepare a “target list” of graduate schools that you are interested in
  - Schedule and take your required entrance exam
  - *Note: there are typically costs associated with exams*

3 Apply to Graduate Schools

- Make sure that you have all required application materials
  - Basic materials:
    - Application
    - Application fee
    - Official academic transcripts
  - Secondary materials:
    - Letters of recommendation
    - Writing samples
    - CV/Resume
  - Important materials:
    - Statement of purpose/letter of intent
    - Exam scores
  - Financial aid: apply for this at the same time
    - Assistantships (Graduate Assistant, Research Assistant, Project Assistant, Teaching Assistant)
  - Prepare for graduate school by networking with others
    - Talk to current students, alumni, faculty and staff