



THE UNIVERSITY *of*
NEW MEXICO

GRADUATE SCHOOL PLAN



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