

# Career Center

## What is Graduate School?

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<http://www.temple.edu/CLA/advising/dpa/documents/GradSchoolTipSheet.pdf> and talk to faculty in your areas of interest. For a detailed list of faculty and programs at Temple University, visit this website: [http://www.temple.edu/academics/degree\\_programs.html](http://www.temple.edu/academics/degree_programs.html)

## What is Professional School?

Professional schools are graduate programs such as Dental school, law school, medical school, pharmacy school, podiatry school which lead to professional degrees.

## Examinations for entry into Graduate School and Professional School:

There are required entry examinations for each type of graduate program. You can find information on all the different graduate examinations at the Center for Measurement & Testing in Sullivan Hall (<http://www.temple.edu/marc/gradprof.html>).

## The Application Process

The application process can be a mystery at times. The process is made up of a number of different parts working together to show a university that you have what it takes to succeed. Some programs require you to go through an application service (medical school, law school, etc...), while others require you to submit an application directly to your school of interest. Note also that schools have set deadlines for completed applications-find them out so you don't miss out. The various components are listed below (please note, not all schools require all this information, but this is a guide as to what to expect).

- Acceptable Examination Scores
- Letters of Recommendations
- Short Essays
- An Interview
- Official copy of your transcripts
- A Personal Statement
- A Resume

## **Health Care Professional Schools:**

The Office of Pre-Professional Health Studies (OPPHS) provides advising, application support and educational assistance for students interested in preparing for a career in the following health-care professions: Dentistry, Medicine, Optometry, Pharmacy, Podiatry, and Veterinary Medicine as well as general advising support for students interested in graduate programs for Physician's Assistant, Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy. Overviews on pre-requisite courses, timelines for submission of applications, as well as links to national websites can be found on the Pre-Professional Health Studies website: <http://www.temple.edu/healthadvising/>

These schools are highly competitive so it is best to start your research early!

## **Business School:**

The MBA or Masters of Business Administration is a degree aimed at preparing you to be a senior level manager or leader. There are more than 700 MBA programs in the world. As graduate management degrees, the emphasis is put on the understanding of how to utilize resources, teamwork, finances, and over-all business operations. There are a number of career paths for MBA graduates, including accounting, finance, human resource management, consulting, information systems, manufacturing, marketing, operations management, small business, government, education, health care, and not-for-profit. So you can see the opportunities are endless. For more information, visit: <http://www.mba.com/mba>

## **LAW SCHOOL:**

Admission into law school can be a difficult task. Chances are if you are thinking of acquiring an education in law and all it has to offer, you have a lot of questions. For more information visit the Law School Admissions Council website: <http://www.lsac.org/jd/default.asp>, and the CLA Pre-Law Advising website: <http://www.temple.edu/claprelaw/>

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