

PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL APPLICATION TIMETABLE

Presented below is a suggested timetable that you may find helpful when considering professional school in the future. This timetable may vary depending on application deadlines for different professional programs. Check for specific application deadlines on the websites of each professional school of interest. *Peterson's Graduate Program Guides* and other graduate/professional school resources available online and in the Career Library of Career Services.

- Junior Year**
- Research potential programs and requirements.
 - Talk to advisers and faculty for advice.
 - Contact professional schools directly for program information and school materials.
 - Investigate possible scholarship opportunities, including support for minority students, as appropriate. (Typically less opportunities for professional programs vs. graduate programs.)
 - Determine if there are any special admission requirements (e.g., prerequisite courses, prior professional work experience, completion of a Bachelors Degree, etc.).
 - Schedule and complete any outstanding required courses.
 - Register and prepare for appropriate admission tests, if required.
 - Brainstorm potential references and make contact as necessary.
 - Plan to attend one of our "Planning for Graduate School" workshops.
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- Summer after Junior Year**
- Visit institutions of interest, if possible.
 - Take or retake professional admission tests, if necessary.
 - Check on scholarship application deadlines for specific opportunities.
 - Submit application forms for schools of your choice (remember, earlier is usually better).
Most professional programs use a centralized application service.
 - Write application essay or statement of professional goals, if required.
 - Budget for nonrefundable application fees.
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- Senior Year**
- Submit supplemental applications as requested by programs.
 - Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
 - Check with all institutions before the application deadline to make sure your file is complete.
Send updated transcripts at semester's end.
 - Prepare for campus interviews if required. (Interviews often begin in early fall and end in March/April.) Contact Career Services if you need help with preparation.
 - Be sure to follow up with thank-you notes after interviews.
 - Acceptances begin in October, but can be as late as August.
 - Notify other professional schools of your choice once accepted.
 - Pay acceptance fee.
 - Make arrangements for housing.
 - Plan on attending summer orientation programs.
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