



# GRADUATE SCHOOL

## Furthering your career goals.

### TIMELINE

After fully assessing the commitment and educational/professional value of graduate or professional school, consider the following timeline during the application process.

#### **DIRECT TRANSITION FROM UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM:**

##### JUNIOR YEAR

- Review and fulfill all prerequisite course requirements.
- Engage in field experience to meet observation requirements.
- Establish time-line to prepare and take entrance exam (GRE, MCAT, etc.)
- Prepare drafts of personal statement and resume and review with career coach.
- Identify and cultivate relationship with network for potential letters of recommendation.

##### SENIOR YEAR

- Take entrance exam early.
- Select and prioritize graduate programs.
- Finalize your personal statement and resume.
- Make official request for references, providing resume and personal statement.
- Begin official application process.

##### GAP YEAR SCENARIO:

Students may find themselves in a gap year scenario for a number of reasons. They may have changed majors or decided on a career path later in the academic time-line. Take this time to strengthen your application by fulfilling prerequisite courses, getting practical experience, or gaining global perspective. Find the positive in your gap year situation.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

#### APPLICATION FORM

Most schools require completion of a general graduate school application.

#### TEST SCORES

Fields require different standardized tests, the GRE and MCAT being the most common for healthcare professional school. Allow several months to self-prepare or take preparatory course.

#### LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Three letters of recommendation is common. Allow one month lead time and provide your resume and personal statement.

#### OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

Contact the Office of Registrar to obtain electronic or printed copies of your IU transcripts.

#### PERSONAL STATEMENT

Career Services, Writing Tutorial, and Health Professions and Prelaw Center (HPPLC) all great campus resources for assistance.

#### RESUME OR CURRICULUM VITAE (CV)

Prepare to submit a flawless, tailored resume or CV as part of your application materials.