

Get Geared for Grad School: How to Prepare for the Graduate School Fair

Reasons to Attend the Graduate and Professional School Fair

- Explore the possibilities of graduate and professional education.
- Meet with admission representatives and learn more about the requirements for each program.
- Gain detailed information about various schools and programs.
- Gather material you can use for later review.

What to Expect at the Graduate and Professional School Fair

- Please swipe your ID or provide your UIN at the check in station to receive a packet which includes a list of schools and programs represented and a table map.
- CMC staff will be wearing CMC blue shirts.
- After the fair, you will receive an evaluation via email. Please take a couple minutes to fill out the evaluation to help The Career Management Center in planning next year's event.

Tips for Attending the Graduate and Professional School Fair

- Research the schools and programs represented ahead of time. Refer to the list of programs attending that day found in CareerLink.
- Rank the schools according to your preference. Visit the schools you are most interested in first.
- Prepare questions to ask the representatives ahead of time.
- Prepare answers for questions representatives might ask you, i.e. Why do you want to attend graduate school? When? What would you like to do with this degree?
- Dress casually, but appropriately. Remember, you still want to make a good first impression.
- Give yourself plenty of time. Arrive early and take a few minutes to review the table map.

Sample questions to ask at the Graduate and Professional Fair

1. What are the admission requirements (GPA, undergraduate coursework, entrance exams, experience, interview, etc.)?
2. What is the average entrance exam score and GPA of students who are accepted?
3. When is the application deadline?
4. Is there an early admission deadline?
5. What is the application process/timeline (application materials, interview)?
6. Are students admitted in both the fall and spring semesters?
7. How much does the program cost (tuition, student fees, housing)?
8. What types of financial aid are available (fellowships, assistantships, scholarships, loans)?
9. How long is the program?
10. Will I gain clinical/field experience or complete an internship as part of the program?
11. How much choice will I have about where I do my internship/field experience?
12. What is the location and size of the institution?
13. Could you tell me more about the facilities (labs, lecture rooms, etc.)?

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14. Could you tell me more about student life on campus (diversity of the students, student organizations, housing, campus support services)?
15. How many faculty members are there and what are their areas of research?
16. Is there anything unique about your program?
17. How important is it for applicants to have extracurricular activities, volunteer and/or work experience?
18. Are there any recommended courses in addition to the stated pre-requisites?
19. Do you provide joint degrees (M.D./Ph.D., J.D./MBA)?
20. Where are graduates of the program employed?
21. What percentage of graduates are employed in a relevant field within 6 months/ 1 year of graduation?
22. Do you have open houses or information sessions?
23. Would it be possible for me to arrange a campus visit in which I could meet with admissions representatives, current students, and faculty?
24. Is it possible to work full-time and complete the degree as a part-time student?
25. Is a thesis, dissertation, or comprehensive examination(s) required for completion of the degree?
26. Will I be able to take electives to pursue other areas of interest?
27. Will completion of the program meet the educational requirements for licensure or certification needed to enter a particular occupation?
28. What is the projected size of the entering class?
29. Do you reserve spots for in-state residents?
30. Does your program offer any programs for underrepresented minority students?
31. How diverse is the class and/or institution?
32. May I contact you if I have additional questions (business card)?

GET GEARED FOR GRAD SCHOOL

GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL FAIR

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

10:30 AM - 2:00 PM

WEBB UNIVERSITY CENTER

HAMPTON NEWPORT NEWS ROOM

**OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS AND
ALUMNI INTERESTED IN PURSUING
GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL
DEGREES.**

**COME MEET REPRESENTATIVES
FROM REGIONAL COLLEGES AND
UNIVERSITIES.**

RELATED EVENTS

**9/27 - FREE PRACTICE EXAMS
(MCAT, GRE, LSAT)
8:30 AM
BAL 1003, BAL 1005**

**9/30 - ADMISSIONS PROCESS
WRITING PERSONAL STATEMENTS
12:30 PM
TESTING CENTER
ODU STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER**

**9/30 - 4+1 GRADUATE PROGRAMS
12:30 PM
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