Pursue Graduate School / Professional School

Every year, approximately 30% of School of Public Health seniors choose to enter graduate or professional programs following graduation. The decision to pursue an advanced degree is an extensive commitment in terms of time, money, and energy. Graduate or professional school is not a plan in and of itself; it is a step in the pursuit of a specific career goal. It is important to make sure you have a career plan in place to make the most of any graduate or professional degree you decide to pursue.

Is Graduate/Professional School Right for Me?

When deciding whether to go to graduate or professional school, you should weigh the value of a graduate or professional degree in terms of earning potential, entry into a profession, advancement, and competitiveness. To help you determine if you are ready for graduate or professional school, consider these questions:

- What are your career goals?
- How will an advanced degree help you attain these goals? Is an advanced degree required?
- Have you discussed your plans with a professor, advisor, or career advisor?
- Do you have the academic stamina to continue in your pursuits or do you need time to reenergize?
- Do you possess the grades and test scores necessary for admittance into the program of your choice?
- Will full-time work experience enhance your credentials for graduate or professional school admittance?

The Office of Career Services is here to help you through the graduate and professional school process. In addition to online resources and workshops related to the application process, career advisors can work with you on any and all of the following graduate/professional school topics:

- Determining if Graduate/Professional School is Right For You
- How to Select a Program
- How to Apply
- Writing a Personal Statement
- Developing a Graduate/Professional School Resume
- Asking for Letters of Recommendation
- Preparing for Graduate/Professional School Interviews

To meet with a career advisor about your graduate or professional school plans, please schedule an appointment.

Additional Campus Resources

School of Public Health Graduate Programs

Learn more about School of Public Health graduate programs.
Writing Tutorial Services

Tutors will help with your personal statement or other essays.

The Health Professions and Prelaw Center (HPPLC)

The Health Professions and Prelaw Center is an excellent resource for pre-law, pre-med, and other graduate-level health professions students. Review their comprehensive website for information on everything from the application process to standardized test preparation strategies. HPPLC also provides individual advising.

Bloomington Continuing Studies

IU Lifelong Learning offers a GRE prep course on the Bloomington campus that is about one month long and is priced below most preparation courses.