

Graduate School Application and Admission Tips from Dr. Don Martin, author of *Graduate School Road Map*

- 1. Take time to do good research start out with at least 15 to 20 options.
- 2. Do not rely solely on rankings, prestige or word of mouth when choosing the graduate programs to which you will apply.
- 3. Prepare to take the GRE, GMAT, LSAT or MCAT. If your first score(s) are not what you want, take the test at least one more time.
- 4. Remember, just as you are evaluating the kind of service provided to you by the graduate admissions office, your behavior and communication skills are being evaluated by the graduate admissions office.
- 5. Follow directions during the application process. Not doing so sheds light on how you might respond to policies and procedures as a student.
- 6. Make sure you have considered the financial implications of your decision to pursue graduate study.
- 7. The most important determinant of your success is not the degree behind your name, but the motivation and initiative you have inside.

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