



## GRADUATE SCHOOL TIMELINE AND TO DO LIST

### FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE YEAR

- Begin to identify your career goals using the resources and staff of the CSC.
- Develop relationships and seek experiences with faculty and other Coppin personnel who can help you define your interests and strengthen your application (*committees, internships, clubs, etc.*).
- Record your accomplishments/experiences in a journal and portfolio and collect samples of your work for a graduate school portfolio (*use to prepare admissions essay and interview*).

### JUNIOR YEAR (FALL)

- Establish criteria for identifying graduate programs and schools using the resources and staff of the CSC.
- Develop relationships and seek experiences with faculty and other Coppin State University personnel who can help you define your interests and strengthen your application (*committees, internships, clubs, etc.*).

### JUNIOR YEAR (SPRING)

- Begin to acquire letters of reference (3-5).
- Record your accomplishments/experiences in a journal or portfolio and collect samples of your work for a graduate school portfolio (*use to prepare admissions essay and interview*).
- Seek national scholarships and financial aid.
- Register and prepare for admissions tests if applicable.

### JUNIOR/SENIOR YEAR (SUMMER)

- Take the admissions tests if required (check dates).
- Request and review catalogs and web sites.
- Begin drafting your admissions essay.
- Visit campuses and meet with students and faculty.
- Manage your time to meet application deadlines.

### SENIOR YEAR (FALL)

- Organize, prepare and complete application packages (review and collect letters of references, critique admission essays using the CSC, the Academic Resource Center, and/or faculty).
- Request transcripts from registrar.
- Copy all application materials and then mail.

### SENIOR YEAR (SPRING)

- Contact all schools to confirm receipt of application materials and status of application.
- Keep references up to date on the status of your application.
- Visit all programs of acceptance and evaluate offers.
- Notify all accepted and rejected schools.

## SENIOR (SUMMER)

- Take courses that will either give you a head start in your graduate program or will allow you to satisfy academic deficiencies.
- Share your success. Keep in touch with and thank everyone who provided support, encouragement and assistance.
- Enjoy your success and your summer.

## GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES

### WEB SITES

#### Researching and ranking Graduate Schools

Please note that there is not one definitive source for ranking programs and schools; determine the criteria that is used and then compare with your own personal criteria

- [www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/corank.htm](http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/corank.htm)
- [www.ulinks.com](http://www.ulinks.com)
- [www.gradschool.about.com](http://www.gradschool.about.com)
- [www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com)
- [www.gradschools.com](http://www.gradschools.com)

#### Exam Information

- GRE's – The GRE's have changed. As of October 1, 2002, the multiple-choice Analytical Skills section has been replaced with an Analytic Writing Assessment – [www.GRE.org](http://www.GRE.org)
- Educational Testing Services – [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org)
- Princeton Review-click on Go to Grad School – [www.review.com/](http://www.review.com/)
- Graduate Management Admission Council – [www.gmat.org](http://www.gmat.org)
- Law School Admissions Council – [www.Lsac.org](http://www.Lsac.org)
- Law School Guide and LSAT preparation – [www.review.com/Law](http://www.review.com/Law)
- Association of American Medical Colleges – [www.aamc.org](http://www.aamc.org)
- MCAT and Medical Schools Info from Princeton Review – [www.review.com/Medical](http://www.review.com/Medical)
- MCAT Practice Questions and Answers – [www.geocities.com/CollegePark/Union/5092/](http://www.geocities.com/CollegePark/Union/5092/)
- American Dental Association – [www.ada.org](http://www.ada.org)
- Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges – <http://aavmc.org>
- Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry – [www.opted.org](http://www.opted.org)

#### Financial Resources

- General Scholarship Information – [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- General Scholarship Information – [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)
- Financing Law School – [www.review.com/Law](http://www.review.com/Law)
- Financing Medical School – [www.review.com/Medical](http://www.review.com/Medical)