
The Grad School Application Process

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Steps for the year you're applying

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2. Decide on **types of programs** you want to apply to
3. Make your list of **specific schools and advisors**
4. Prepare for and take general **GRE**
5. Prepare for and take **Psychology GRE**
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8. Ask people to write your **letters of recommendation**
9. Order your **transcripts**
10. Write your **personal statement**
11. Optional: Prepare a **CV**
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13. Go to **interviews**
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Interested in research? Teaching? Practicing (e.g., offering therapy or conducting assessments)? Consulting? Mentoring students? Working with young children? Adolescents? Adults? The elderly?

Do you want to work in a hospital? A university? A teaching college? An elementary or secondary school? A business corporation? The government? A VA? A non-profit?

Who will your colleagues be? What kind of job stability do you want? What salary? A consistent salary or one based on billable hours?

How many years are you willing to dedicate toward training? Are you willing to move, perhaps several times, in order to complete all aspects of training?



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Final list by September



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Spring/Summer



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September, October



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September

September-November



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December-February

April-May



Overview of Suggested Steps for Applying to Graduate School in Clinical Psychology

	Action	Our Suggested Timeline
Step 1	Decide on the types of programs you want to apply to	By August of the year you are applying
Step 2	Make your list of specific schools and advisors	Complete your final list by September
Step 3	A. Prepare for and take the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) B. Prepare for and take the Psychology Subject Test GRE	A. General GRE: Offered many days of the year. Take it as early as possible (ideally by the summer). B. Psychology GRE (if applicable): Offered in April, Oct., Nov. Take as early as possible (ideally in April).
Step 4	Develop an organizational system	September
Step 5	Possibly contact potential advisors	Sept., Oct., possibly early Nov.
Step 6	Ask people to write your letters of recommendation	Ask in September, distribute materials by early October
Step 7	Order your transcripts	Check your college's Registrar's policy
Step 8	Write your personal statements	September, October, November
Step 9	Optional: Prepare a CV	November
Step 10	Make sure to review and complete all program requirements; submit all materials	September, October, November, and December
Step 11	Interview offers come in	Generally January, February, early March
Step 12	Go to interviews	Generally late Jan., Feb., and March
Step 13	Hear from schools after interviews	Generally February, March, April
Step 14	Make your decision!	March or April



Questions??

For more information, check out “**Mitch’s Uncensored Advice for Applying to Graduate School in Clinical Psychology**”

and

Clinicalpsychgradschool.org



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