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Grad School Prep Workshop

Getting to Grad School: Follow your passion, path, and plan

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Complete the following survey (approx. 5 minutes)

Either use the follow link:

<https://tinyurl.com/UMBCGradWeek>

OR aim your phone at the QR code:





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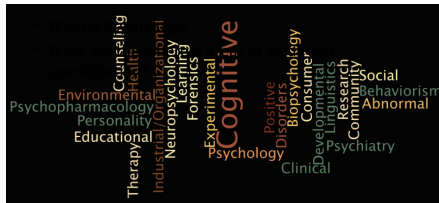
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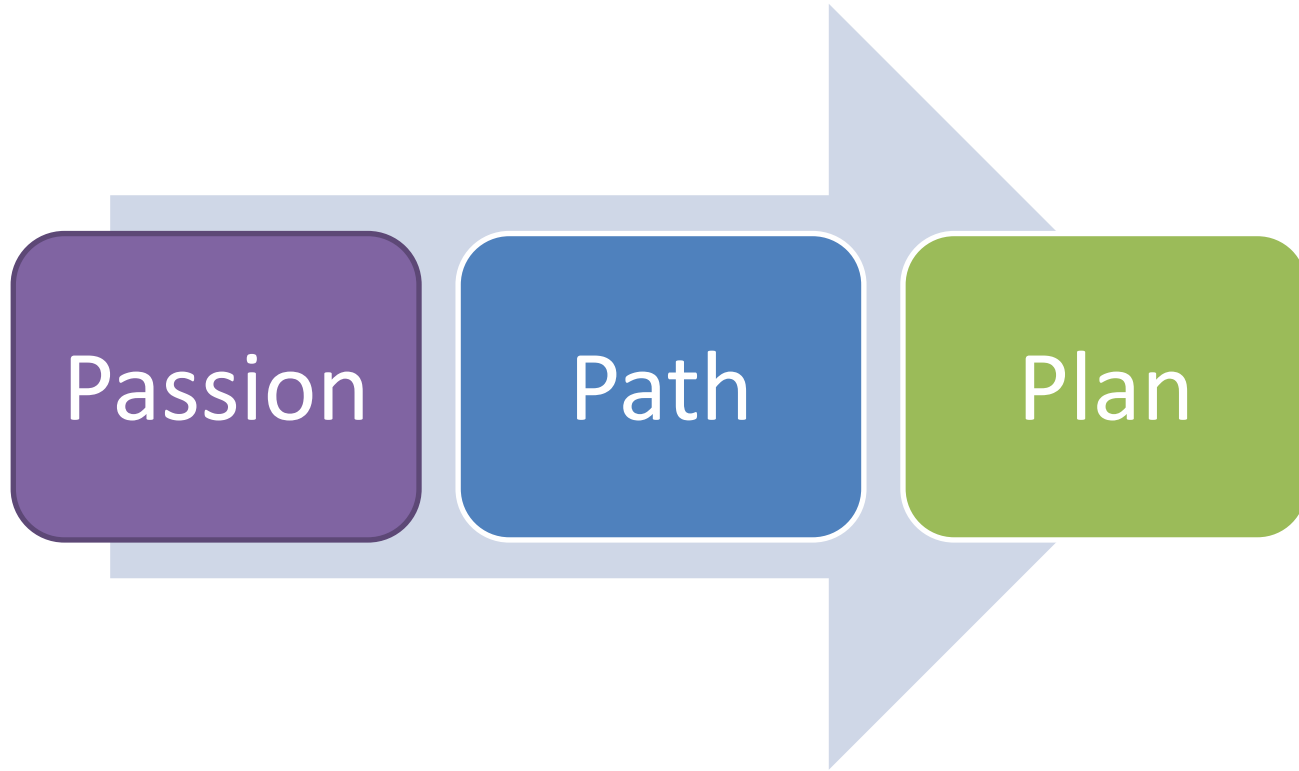
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- Passion:
 - What are YOU interested in studying?
- Path:
 - What are the various options beyond the undergraduate degree...
 - What is the value added by getting Master's degree vs. a Doctoral Degree?
 - What are the differences between a Ph.D. and a Psy. D.?
- Plan:
 - What is your plan?
 - What can you do to make the most of your opportunities?



What's your passion?



Path: Where did you start and where are you headed?



Starting off

- Consider where you started. How did you get to where you are now....

Current Status

- What are some of your favorite classes/experiences?
- What are some of the opportunities you have been involved with while in school?

Moving Ahead

- Where do you see yourself in 1 year?
- How about in 5 years?
- What is your ideal future?

Which degree is best for you?

Doctoral: Ph.D., Psy.D., Ed.D

Masters: M.A., M.S., MSW, M.P.S

Bachelors: B.A., B.S.

Plan: How are you going to get there?

Do your
research

- Understand your career options and interests and how they align with graduate program options.
- Will taking time off make you a more competitive candidate?

Consider the
best fit

- Undergraduate reputation does not equal graduate school reputation.
- Researching graduate programs is very different from researching undergraduate programs.
- Consider: how this moves you toward your desired job/career; funding options, location, accreditation, etc.)

Plan how to
get there

- Allow time. There are many steps. Use a checklist to make sure you have covered everything in sufficient time. (Kaplan's is recommended by CAS).

What can you do to make the most of your opportunities?

- The type of career you have depends on many things. Here are a few things to think about:
 - Highest degree earned
 - Area of Psychology
 - Who you know (networking)
 - Experience
 - Career goals aligning with interests and abilities

More Information on Graduate School



[Watch a video](#) in which Dr. Robert Deluty, UMBC Psychology faculty member and Associate Dean of the Graduate School at UMBC, discusses graduate school options (approx. 1 hour)

The link is also available from the UMBC@USG web site at

<http://www.umbc.edu/shadygrove/psychology/index.php>

UMBC Psychology Alumni discuss their experiences with Graduate School programs

[Watch a video](#) (approx. 1 hour) in which UMBC Alumni discuss their paths, opinions and advice about Graduate School. Panelists include current graduate students in both masters- and doctoral-level programs as well as graduates from masters- and doctoral-level programs.



Final Thoughts and Questions...

Passion □ Path □ Plan

- Do something you enjoy and care about.
- Find your passion and your pathway – create a plan of action.

Experience

- Participate in research experiences, internships, and service.
- Join organizations and volunteer 😊
- Use this to figure out what you want *and* what you don't want in a career.
- Take time off after college to work, if you don't have clear graduate school goals yet.

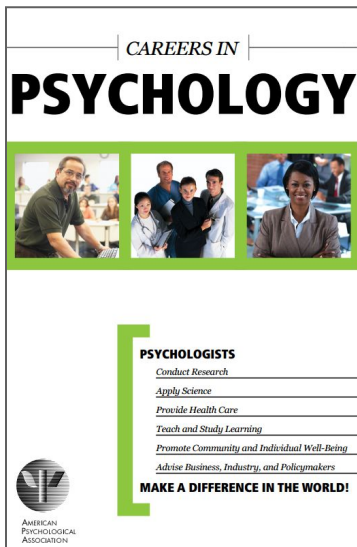
Resources

- Ask counselors and advisors for advice and information about opportunities.
- Use the Internet wisely.
- Leverage the connections you made in your internships and other experiences.

Connections


- Network
- Use your recommendations.
- Be vigilant – be on the lookout for good opportunities.

Additional Resources



Careers in Psychology handbook from the American Psychological Association (APA). PDF available at

<http://www.apa.org/careers/resources/guides/careers.pdf>


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