

Career Module Lesson Plan

What Is Graduate School?

Learning Objective:

- Students will be able to identify reasons that people attend graduate school.
- Students will be able to contrast the reasons to consider graduate school.
- Students will be asked to examine reasons they may want to consider graduate school and think about a graduate school application plan.

Time: 50 Minutes (each lesson plan is designed for a 50-minute class period. If you have additional time, please see next steps section).

Materials:

What Is Grad School? PPT

Grad School Video Embedded in the PowerPoint

Other resources links listed below to share with students on Blackboard

Outline:

- (5 min) Warm Up
- Ask students to make a list of the questions they have about graduate school in groups of three or four students. Call on a few groups to see what the main questions are about graduate school and write those on the board.
- (30 minutes) Present the PowerPoint on graduate school.
- Ask students to share if they are considering graduate school and what courses of study they may be considering.
- (5 minutes) Use the last 5 minutes to answer any questions that were not answered by the presentation that are on the board for the warmup.
- (10 mins) Hand out the considering graduate school and graduate school comparison work sheet. Ask students to begin to fill out the considering graduate school worksheet.

Next Steps/Homework:

- Have students complete the considering graduate school worksheet and turn it in.
- Read over things to think about when going to graduate school article. Make a list of the reasons you are either interested or not interested in graduate school.

<https://collegeinfo geek.com/should-i-go-to-grad-school/>

- Check out the Peterson's blog on graduate school.

<https://www.petersons.com/blog/category/grad-schools/> Have students pick one article they found interesting and list the article in a discussion on Blackboard. Have them share the link and three things they learned from the article.

Resources:

- Western Carolina Graduate School Page: <https://www.wcu.edu/apply/graduate-school/graduate-degree-programs/index.aspx>
- The GRE: https://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/register
- The MCAT: <https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school/taking-mcat-exam/>
- Grad School Timeline: <https://www.princetonreview.com/grad-school-advice/application-timeline>
- Peterson Blog for Grad School: <https://www.petersons.com/blog/category/grad-schools/>
- Reasons to consider/not consider grad school: <https://collegeinfo geek.com/should-i-go-to-grad-school/>
- Considering graduate school worksheet
- Graduate school comparison worksheet