

THE CAREER MONTHLY

GRADUATE SCHOOL EDITION

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the newsletter issue of *Career Monthly*, brought to you by the Kent State Trumbull's Office of Career Services.

The newsletter will provide you information, resources and tools to help guide you through your career planning journey!

Do not hesitate to reach out to the Career Services Coordinator, Tiffany Tyree, for any career related assistance. Her email is tttyree@kent.edu and the office is

located in the Student Services Building, Room #143. Find all issues of *Career Monthly* on the KSUT Career Services webpage.



REASONS TO ATTEND

- ⇒ Career goals require an advanced degree.
- ⇒ Passion for a topic.
- ⇒ Wanting to pursue further education.
- ⇒ For field of work, a graduate degree would allow for more career opportunities and potential salary increases.

GRADUATE SCHOOL 101

Earning a graduate degree...

- ⇒ Requires commitment, time and lots of effort.
- ⇒ Is expensive.
- ⇒ Typically takes 2-7 years to complete.
- ⇒ Expects students to have skill sets in:
 - * Critical thinking
 - * Writing
 - * Verbal and written communication
 - * Time management



REMEMBER:

"Now is the time for us to shine, the time when our dreams are in reach and possibilities, vast. Now is the time for all of us to become the people we always dreamed of being. This is your world. You're here. You matter. The world is waiting."

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

GRADUATE SCHOOL OR NO?

- ⇒ What are the salary projections for my career field with an Undergraduate degree (Associate, Bachelor) VS. Graduate degree (Master, Doctorate)?
- ⇒ What is my potential return on investment of a graduate degree?
- ⇒ How will I pay for graduate school?
- ⇒ Should I start graduate school right after undergrad OR take a year off and work?

Graduate School?

GRADUATE SCHOOL RESEARCH

BEFORE MAKING THE FINAL DECISION

- ⇒ Cost
- ⇒ Financial aid options
- ⇒ Graduate Assistant/Teaching Assistant opportunities
- ⇒ Program characteristics
- ⇒ Location
- ⇒ Online vs. on-campus

GRADUATE SCHOOL TIPS

- ♣ Start early with researching institutions/ programs and the application process.
 - > Keep a spreadsheet of important information.
- ♣ Research various programs and specific courses/requirements.
- ♣ Network and communicate with admissions office, faculty, current/ former students, etc.
- ♣ If able to, visit the campus and resources that would be available to you as a graduate student.

SAME POSITIONS THAT REQUIRE GRADUATE DEGREES:

- ♣ Therapists and Counselors
- ♣ Psychologists
- ♣ Nurse Practitioners
- ♣ Librarians
- ♣ Social Workers
- ♣ Chief Executives
- ♣ Economists
- ♣ Pharmacists
- ♣ Professors
- ♣ Education Administrator
- ♣ Urban and Regional Planner
- ♣ Criminologist
- ♣ Physical Therapist
- ♣ Health Care Manager
- ♣ Speech Language Pathologist

POSITIVE QUOTE:

"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."

~ Malcolm X



GRADUATE SCHOOL Q&A

Q: When should I attend graduate school?

A: Graduate school is for students of all ages and life stages. What is most important is that you choose to attend when you are READY. Whether it is right after undergrad or after a few years of working in your career, there's no right or wrong time.

Q: How much does graduate school cost?

A: Graduate school does cost more per credit than undergraduate credits. On average, many state Institutions charge \$300+ per credit for graduate courses, while private institutions charge \$500+ per credit.

Q: What is the typical workload for graduate school?

A: Workload usually includes lots of reading and assignments, papers, presentations, and extensive final examinations.

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OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

The office can assist you with the following:

- ⇒ Major and Career Exploration
- ⇒ Graduate Studies
- ⇒ Resume and Cover Letter Development
- ⇒ Interview Preparation
- ⇒ Career Search Assistance and Guidance
- ⇒ Job and Internship Opportunities

CAREER RESOURCES:

KSUT Office of Career Services
<https://www.kent.edu/trumbull/career-services>

KSUT Career Cabinet
<https://tinyurl.com/KSTCareerCabinet>

Q: What are the typical requirements to graduate from grad school?

A: For a master's degree, typically core coursework, a certain number of credits, practical experience, and thesis or written/oral examination are required for completion.

For a doctoral degree, typically core coursework, a certain number of credits, and a dissertation/dissertation defense or capstone coursework are required for completion.

"OMG" FUN FACTS:

"E" is the most common letter and appears in 11% of all English words.

Water makes different pouring sounds depending on its temperature.

Humans are just one of the estimated 8.7 million species on Earth.