Graduate School is the Key to Your Future

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Graduate School at UNT Allows

- Specialization
- Professional Independence
- Contribution to scholarship and society
- Individual development
Which degree are you pursuing?

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It is necessary for your career

➢ What are your career goals?

➢ Does your field require a higher level of education?
  ➢ Business
  ➢ Psychology
  ➢ Research careers

➢ Will increase earnings significantly over time

➢ Career advancement
EDUCATION AND TRAINING PAY

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN 2016

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Note: Earnings for year-round full-time workers 25 years and over; unemployment rate for those 25 and over.

Source: US Census Bureau; Bureau of Labor Statistics

Mean Earnings in 2015

- Professional Degree: $161,243
- Doctorate Degree: $126,586
- Master’s Degree: $93,338
- Bachelor’s Degree: $77,572
- Associate Degree: $54,316
- Some College, No Degree: $51,185
- High School Graduate: $44,918
- Less Than High School: $36,419

10 steps for getting the most from your grad school experience

1. Think about how to get the tools you need now
2. Don’t overload with one professor because you will learn more from a variety of faculty
3. Take the most relevant courses in the department rather than focusing on the easiest
4. Try several different types of research experiences
5. Get to know professors – learning & recommendations
6. Don’t romanticize grad school
Researching getting the most from your degree

➢ Balance your career goals and funding opportunities
➢ Talk to your professors
➢ Talk to current graduate students
➢ Talk to former graduate students
➢ Attend conferences
➢ Web research
Prepare for your career as you start and work on your degree

- Start early so you understand the credentials you need to develop as you complete your degree.
  - Gain the technical skills
  - Build the credentials needed

- Once you enter the market, apply to as many opportunities as you find.
I wish you every success in your degree and future career.