

Randolph College

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Timeline For Graduate School Application

Randolph College, Spring and Summer Semester Junior Year ~ Six Months Prior to Applying

- ✧ Research areas of interest, institutions, and programs.
- ✧ Talk to Advisors about application requirements.
- ✧ Register and prepare for appropriate graduate school admission tests.
- ✧ Investigate national scholarships and financial aid.
- ✧ Obtain letters of recommendation from faculty and advisors.
- ✧ Contact alumnae/alumni on the Career Network to get their advice on their career and their graduate school experience.

Randolph College, Senior Year ~ Three Months Prior to Applying

- ✧ Take required graduate admission tests.
- ✧ Write for application materials or research the application process online.
- ✧ Visit institutions of interest.
- ✧ Write your personal statement.
- ✧ Check on application deadlines and rolling admissions policies.
- ✧ For medical, dental, osteopathy, podiatry, or law school, you may need to register for the national application or data assembly service most programs use.
- ✧ Take graduate admission test if you have not already.
- ✧ Send completed applications.
- ✧ Obtain a copy of the Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and Financial Aid PROFILE, if required.

Randolph College, Spring Semester, Senior Year ~ Early Spring, Before Enrolling in the Fall

- ✧ Confirm with all institutions before their deadlines to make sure that your file is complete.
- ✧ Visit institutions that accept you.
- ✧ Send a deposit to your institution of choice.
- ✧ Notify other colleges and universities that accepted you so that they can admit students on their waiting list.
- ✧ Send thank-you letters to people who wrote your recommendation letters, informing them of your success.

Suggested Web Sites

- ◆ **Graduate School Rankings**
<http://www.usnews.com/>
- ◆ **Comprehensive School Guides**
<http://www.gradschools.com>
- ◆ **Peterson's Guides to Graduate & Professional Programs**
<http://www.petersons.com>
- ◆ **Financial Aid for Grad School**
<http://www.finaid.org>
<http://www.ed.gov/Finaid.htm/>
<http://www.Fastweb.com>
- ◆ **Grad School Test Prep Information**
<http://www.kaplan.com>
- ◆ **Association of American Medical Colleges**
<http://www.aamc.org/>
- ◆ **Association of America Veterinary Medical Colleges**
<http://aavmc.org/>
- ◆ **GRE Test Information**
<http://www.gre.org> and www.ets.org/gre
- ◆ **Law School Test Information**
<http://www.lsatsat.org>