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## How to Excel in your Graduate School Counseling Program

Have you recently been accepted to a graduate school counseling program? If so, congratulations! You're in the right place...now let's get you ready to excel as you train for your future profession!

**Let's do this, future school counselor!♥**

### **BEFORE** you start your program...

- Review your program's dates, deadlines, and requirements. Be sure to carefully review course descriptions, sequences, practicum/internship, testing, graduation requirements, etc.
- Meet all deadlines and be professional in all of your written and verbal communication.
- Research the certification/licensure requirements in your [state](#)/country.
- Download Dr. Ebersole's [Free Resources \(scroll down\)](#)!
- Consider taking advantage of my school counseling-specific [services](#)!

### **DURING** your program...

- Plan ahead to meet expectations for the program, courses, practicum and internship, testing, and graduation, etc. Research whether you'll be in-person, online, or hybrid and plan accordingly.
- Act, think, dress, and be professional at all times and across settings.
- When you have questions, ask your program directly rather than asking your peers.
- Be intentional about professional and respectful communication and collaboration with everyone including your professors, supervisors, advisors, and program support staff.
- Join [ASCA](#) and your [state](#) and local school counseling associations (Note: Reduced rates for grad students!). Attend, participate, and introduce yourself to your future colleagues!
- Join my [School Counseling Grad Group](#) to connect and be encouraged!
- Listen to my [Future School Counselor Academy Podcast](#)!
- Hire me to do a [Resume Review](#) so you can apply confidently and excitedly!
- Complete [How to Land a School Counseling Position](#) as soon as possible because you can start applying what you learn while in your program!
- Consider [Career Coaching](#)! I will propel you toward reaching your career/educational goals!
- Attend national, state, and/or local school counseling conferences. Collaborate and co-present.
- Seek work/volunteer experience to apply knowledge, skills, abilities, and competencies.
- Start or continue applying to school counseling positions!

### **NEAR THE END** of your program...

- Plan ahead to review and meet all graduation, testing, and other requirements.
- Send a handwritten thank you note to your professors, program director, etc.
- Continue membership/participation in ASCA, state, and local school counseling associations. Ask around and listen carefully about upcoming positions and openings!
- Start or continue applying to school counseling positions!
- Join my [School Counseling Grad Group](#) if you haven't yet!
- Hire me to do a [Resume Review](#) because you're almost there and I can help!
- Take [How to Land a School Counseling Position](#) ASAP! It's worth it and will help you excel!
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I wish you the best!♥

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