

# Grad School 101 Conference: Navigating the Application Process



If you are thinking about pursuing graduate education or professional school, now it is time to start narrowing down the possibilities. Grad School 101: Navigating the Application Process is a FREE conference for UMBC students that will guide you through the challenges and put a plan in motion.

## AGENDA

### Schedule:

4:45 pm **Registration & Dinner Buffet**

5:00 pm **Welcome**

*Christine Routzahn, Director, UMBC Career Center*

### **Navigating the Application Process**

*K. Jill Barr, J.D., Assistant Dean, Graduate School, UMBC*

Are you overwhelmed by the graduate school application process and not certain of where to start? If so, this session will help you understand the basics of applying to graduate programs, from testing to obtaining letters of recommendation.

5:50 pm **Break**

6:00 pm **Personal Statements That Get Attention**

*Ivanna Abreu, Program Coordinator, Meyerhoff Scholars Program*

Drafting a personal statement can be a tricky part of the application process. During this session, you will learn about what schools look for in a statement, and understand the structure of what a personal statement should include. In addition, you will learn the basics of asking for a letter of recommendation.

6:45 pm **How to Ace an Entrance Exam**

*Lyndon Yearick, Graduate Program Manager*

*Maryland/Delaware, Kaplan Test Prep - Graduate Programs*

Learn the basics of the MCAT, GRE, and LSAT, when to take each, and how to prepare for the tests.

7:15 pm **Closing**