(Re) Considering Professional School

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Is professional school right for me?
Navigate your own path

Translate and Build Skills & experience

Explore Careers

Develop and Execute Your Plan
Think Transferrable Skills

▪ Going beyond your major

You ≠ Major

▪ You are very knowledgeable in ________ (insert major/discipline), but think about what other qualities, skills, or experiences you have...

▪ It’s time to think about transferrable skills:

  Communication
  Teamwork
  Organization
  Creativity
  People Skills

  Flexibility
  Analytical
  Leadership
  Initiative
  Problem Solving
It’s not about the major: Industry areas where all majors excel

- **Insurance**
  - Auto-Owners
  - Blue Cross Blue Shield
  - Jackson National

- **Recruiting**
  - Aerotek
  - Maxim Healthcare Services

- **Research**
  - MPI Research (all science majors)

- **Nonprofits**
  - YMCA
  - Hope Network

- **The #1 Employer of MSU grads...**
“Branding Yourself” Exercise

- Take a moment to think about who you are and how you want to be viewed by others
How to explore & find opportunities

- Onetonline.org
- ExploreHealthCareers.org
- Read job descriptions on MySpartanCareer & online sites like Indeed.com or SimplyHired.com
- Personality: MBTI (Myers Briggs Type Indicator) – Must be administered by career services professional
- Strengths: StrengthsFinder & StrengthsQuest – No free version at this time
- Talk to your family, friends, professors, advisors, etc. about “other options”
- Continue to Volunteer & Job Shadow
Developing a Plan

- Create a LinkedIn Profile
  - https://university.linkedin.com/linkedin-for-students

- Attend Science Blast!

- Explore online resources

- Talk to people who are in those professions
  - Make contact with 3 professionals to help you explore

- Meet with a pre-professional advisor for a realistic conversation
  - http://natsci.msu.edu/students/preprofessional
Meet Ed, 2003 Lyman Briggs Physiology grad
– Once looking forward to becoming a Pediatric Doctor, transferred skills to student affairs to become a Career Consultant.

Meet Desiree, 2015 KIN grad
– Once on a pre-OT track, working as a Life Underwriter at Auto-Owners Insurance in Lansing area.
– https://www.linkedin.com/in/desiree-baron-bb494bb4

Meet Nick, 2014 AT grad
– Once working toward becoming an all-star athletic trainer, transferred skills to the business industry for a better “fit.”
Homework

- Stay connected with your peers that are here now
- Stay connected with the MSU faculty and staff you have worked with
- Make new connections in areas you are interested in pursuing
- Continue to build your “brand”
- Explore multiple career options
- Develop your plan

Give yourself permission to change your mind along the way