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* What to look for in a graduate program?
  + Academic
    - The approach to clinical education
    - Practicum options
    - Classes – size, instructors
    - Facilities
    - Reputation
  + Personal
    - Atmosphere
    - Advising
    - Funding options, work
    - Quality of life – location, costs, leisure
* Preparing for Grad School
  + Show you take academics seriously
    - Get good grades!
  + Be noticed
    - Make good connections with professors for recommendation letters
    - Balance between school, work, volunteer, leadership…
  + Visit Programs and show interest
* GRE
  + Plan & study for it
  + Repeat it if necessary
* Admissions
  + Quantitative
    - Grades: overall, last 2 years, major…
    - GRE: Verbal + Quantitative scores; some include the Writing
    - GPA
      * Goal is a 3.5 or higher
      * UTD average is 3.8
    - GRE
      * Goal is a 300 or higher
      * UTD average is 309-310
  + Qualitative
    - Recommendation letters – faculty or someone you have observed; no personal
    - Statement of purpose – page and half
      * Why you want to go to grad school
      * Snapshot of goals – show interest in the program!
    - Intangibles
      * Showing interest
      * A match for the program
* Why UTD?
  + Flexible program
  + Shape courses and practicum around your interests
  + On and off campus practicum opportunities and many choices/settings
  + Variety of classes
  + Friendly atmosphere
* Leveling
  + No reapplication to grad school
  + Can take the leveling/prerequisite courses beforehand