

The **Graduate School Resume** emphasizes academic accomplishments. While many graduate schools do not require a resume as part of the application packet, including a resume tailored to graduate school is an excellent way of showcasing your professionalism.

For most students, the order and content of a Graduate School Resume are:

- **Objective** – A short sentence identifying the school and the program to which you are applying. *Example: Applying for admission into Slippery Rock University's Doctor of Physical Therapy program.*
- **Education** – This should be the most important entry in your resume. After providing the basics (name of undergraduate college / university, degree, graduation date, major, minor, GPA, etc), select the outstanding academic accomplishments to highlight for the admissions committee. These may be sub-topics under Education or they may be their own categories. Areas that may be included are **Research, Scholarships, Independent Study, International Study, Honoraries, Conferences, Presentations, and Publications.**
- **Academic Experience/Course Highlights** – Highlight particularly relevant academic courses by providing more details about these courses. Describe two to three upper-level courses that provided hands-on experiences or in-depth study with bullet statements. Include only the most salient courses relevant to your intended graduate school major. Do not list all courses.
- **Internship, Volunteer, and/or Related Experiences** – While your academic abilities are the most essential assets to emphasize, experiences in the field related to your intended graduate school major are significant, too. Most graduate schools prefer applicants with a combination of academic and experiential preparation. Some graduate schools require volunteer or internship experience. Provide details about your related experiences.
- **Activities** – If you participated in campus or community activities that developed your leadership, time management, or other skills important to your success in graduate school, include these activities and provide details that show your active participation.
- **Additional Experience** – Experiences not related to your graduate school admission do not need to be included unless they show skill development relevant to graduate school.