

# What's Next? Applying for Graduate School

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### Why Graduate School?

- Difficult Job Market
- > Your Profession Demands It
- You Want a New Direction



### **Factors for Consideration**

> Passion

Past Performance

Possibilities for the Future





- This is about you and your future.
- Don't feel "stuck" by previous decisions.
- **❖** You can deal with it now, or deal with it later.



- **❖** Academic Record
- **Recent Performance**
- **❖** Borderline?

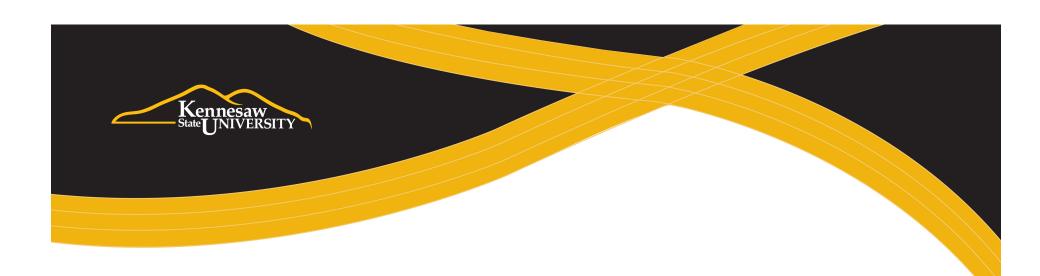


- **Find the program that fits your goals.**
- **Ask professors for their opinions.**
- Look for scholarships/assistantships.



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According to the U.S. Government, a college Master's degree is worth \$1.3 million more in lifetime earnings than a high school diploma.



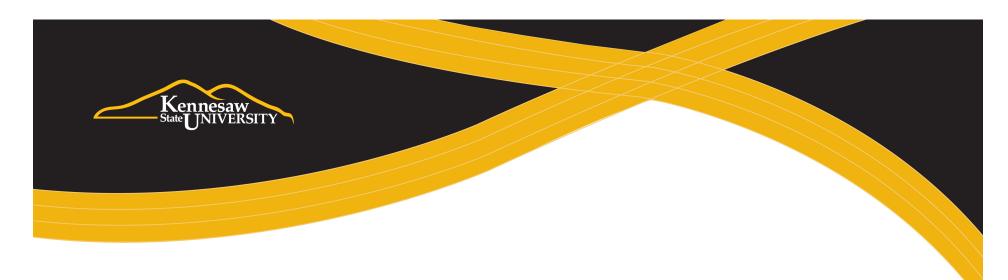
#### **NOT ALL DEGREES ARE EQUAL**

• Know why you are going to school: passion or payday. Passion? Go ahead and get that M.A. in English or History. Payday? You might want to think about an M.B.A., J.D. or M.D.



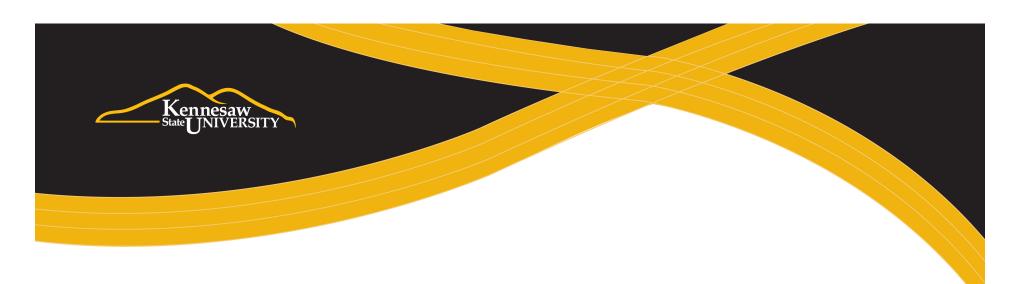
#### THE APPLICATION PROCESS





#### **Sources for Searching Schools**

- > Gradschools.com
- Petersons.com
- Google Searches
- Professors
- Professionals in your field
- > Career Services



#### **Important Information**

#### 1. Undergraduate GPA

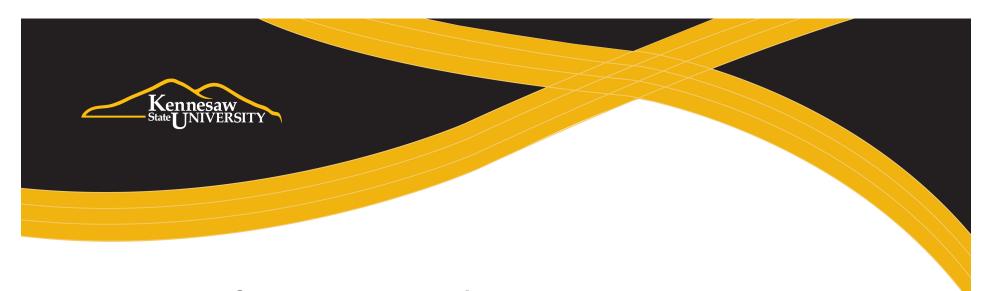
Success in Relevant Courses/Circumstances

#### 2. Pre-requisite Courses

Stronger in Major than in General Ed. Courses

#### 3. Admissions Test Scores

GRE GMAT LSAT MCAT MAT

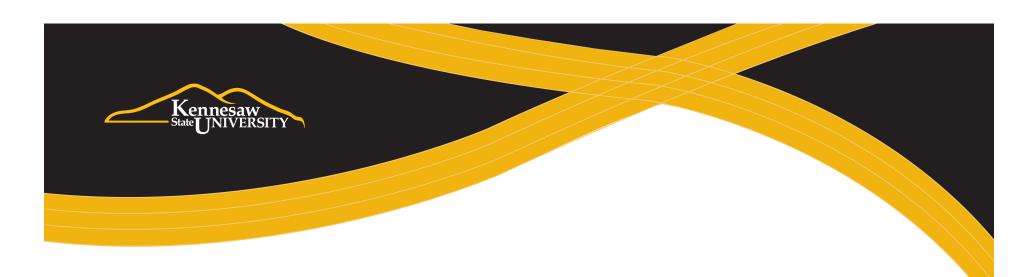


#### 4. Letters of Recommendation

Use individuals who can attest to your academic skills. Follow the instructions of the institution.

#### 5. Personal Statement

Use this to sell yourself and to tell your story.



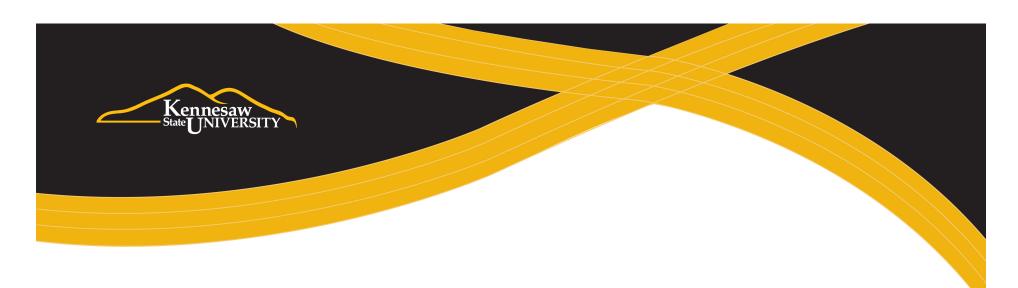
# 6. Relevant Work Experience and/or Undergraduate Research Experience

This shows you have a passion for the field.

#### 7. Interviews/Essays

Do your research before you write/interview.

#### 8. Resume/Vitae



#### **Application Process**

- 1. Application Fee: \$30 to \$100
- 2. Official Transcripts from ALL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED
- 3. Official Test Scores
- 4. Other Supplementary Documents as Required by the Program



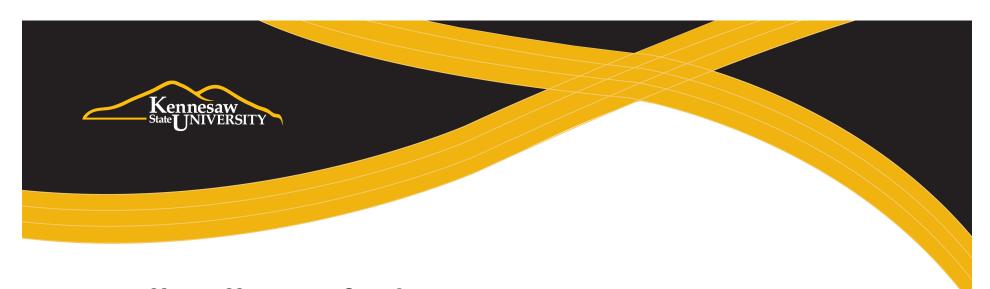
#### **Coles College of Business**

Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)
 On-Campus, Dalton, WebMBA, Executive M.B.A.



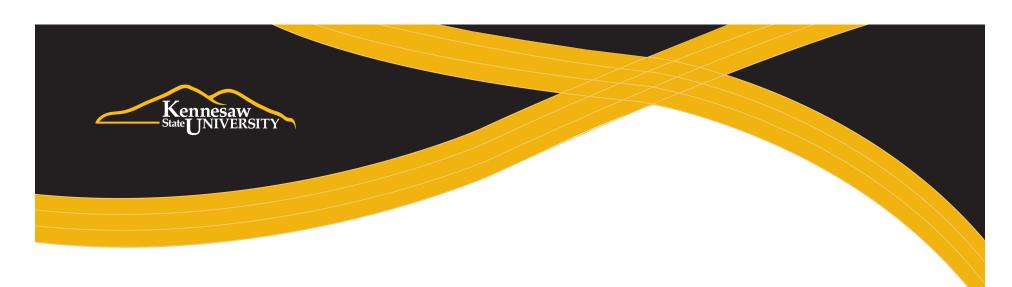
#### **Coles College of Business**

- Master of Accountancy (M.Acc)
- Master of Science in Information Systems
- Doctor of Business Administration (D.B.A.)



#### **Bagwell College of Education**

- Master of Arts in Teaching
   Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Art, English,
   Chinese, Spanish, TESOL
- Master of Education
   Early Childhood, Adolescent, Inclusive,
   Instructional Technology, Leadership



#### **Bagwell College of Education**

Education Specialist Degree (Ed.S.)

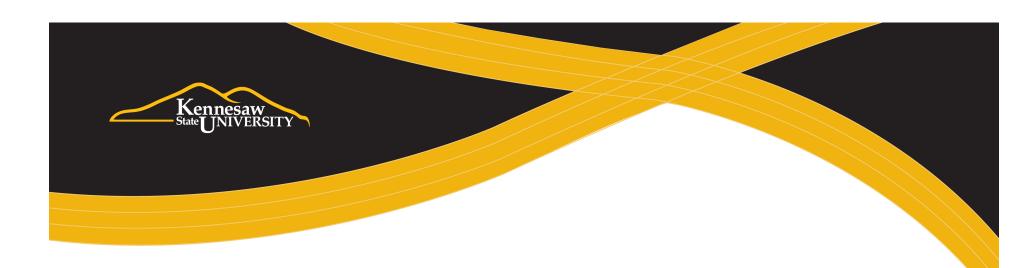
Teacher Leadership

**Educational Leadership** 

Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)

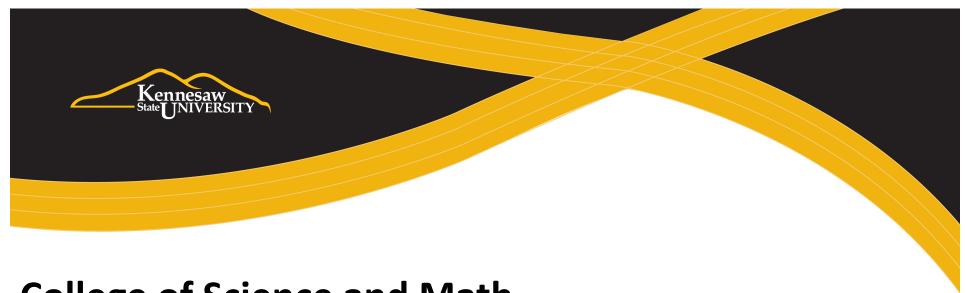
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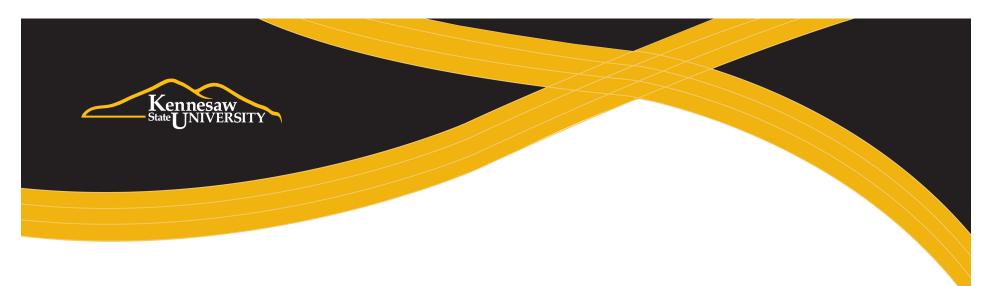
#### Wellstar College of Health and Human Services

- Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.)
  - Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
  - Advanced Care Management and Leadership
- Master of Social Work (M.S.W.)
- Master of Science in Applied Exercise Health Science
- Doctor of Nursing Science (D.N.S.)



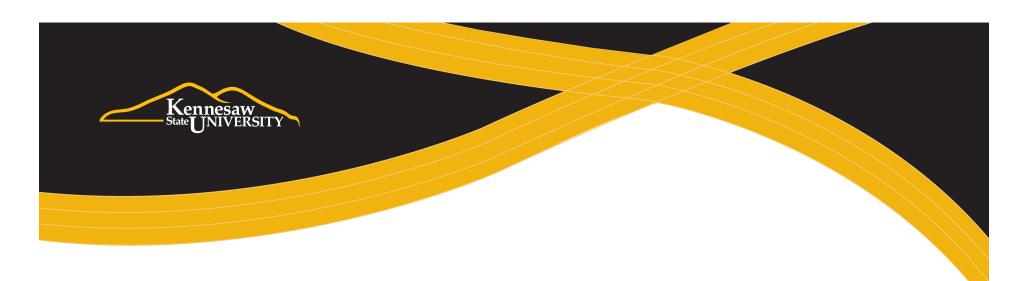
#### **College of Science and Math**

- Master of Science in Applied Statistics
- Master of Science in Integrative Biology
- Master of Science in Chemical Sciences
- Master of Science in Computer Science



#### **College of Humanities and Social Sciences**

- Master of Arts in American Studies
- Master of Arts in Integrated Global Communications
- Master of Arts in Professional Writing
- Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.)



#### **College of Humanities and Social Sciences**

- Master of Science in Conflict Management
- Master of Science in Criminal Justice
- Maser of Science in International Policy Management
- Ph.D in Conflict Management



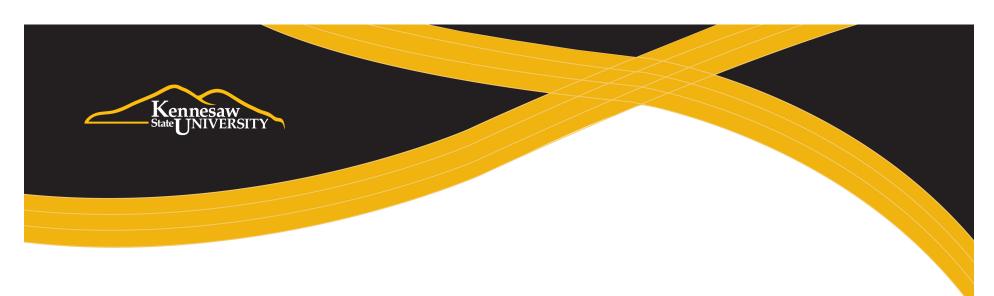
#### **Dual Degrees**

- Master of Business Administration/Master of Science in Information Systems
- Master of Business Administration/Master of Public Administration



#### **Graduate Certificates**

- Information Security and Assurance
- **Creative Writing**
- Writing for International Audiences
- Leadership and Ethics
- **American Studies**



#### Confused about your life?

**Career Services** 

Confused about the process?

**Graduate Admissions** 

Confused about the program?

Program Director or Administrator

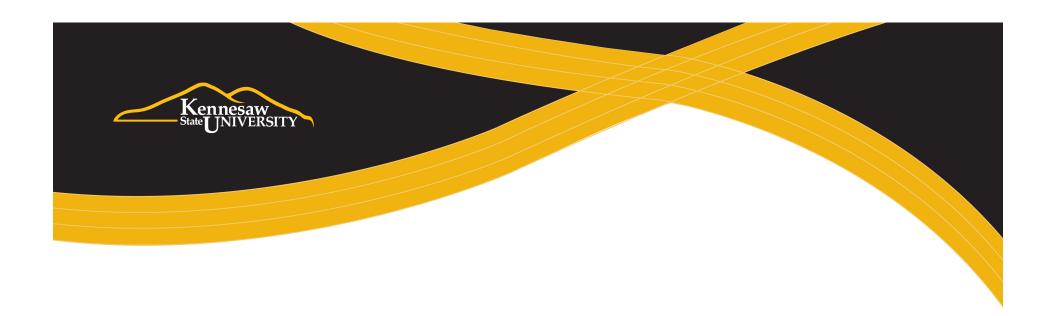


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# QUESTIONS?