

# CHOOSING YOUR SCHOOL!

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Why do I have to research schools?

Why should I apply to more than one school?

Why can't I just apply to my state school(s)?

What makes a school a good fit for me?

# Professional Schools

- ❖ 400+ social work schools
- ❖ 200+ Law schools
- ❖ 200+ Physical Therapy schools
- ❖ 140+ allopathic medical schools
- ❖ 140+ physician assistant schools
- ❖ 120+ pharmacy schools
- ❖ 100+ public health schools
- ❖ 61 dental schools
- ❖ 28 veterinary schools
- ❖ 19 optometry schools
- ❖ <10 naturopathic schools
- ❖ Many, many graduate schools and programs

# Agenda

## ⦿ Choosing a School Process

- Resources

## ⦿ But first...

- Get to know your neighbor!
- Form groups
  - At least three people per group
  - No more than five



All schools

Start

Researching  
using 7 Factors

Long list

Creating Columns &  
Sorting

Short list

Application  
Process

Acceptances

Tipping Points

School you choose  
to attend



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# Building the Long List

## The Initial 7 Factors

- Residency
- Focus population
- Curriculum/teaching styles
- Focus
- Area of strength/specialties
- Geography
- Compatibility

# Residency

- Apply to the schools in your home state
- Applying out of the state?
  - Do those schools accept non-residents?

Eliminate schools that do not accept non-residents or accept in very low percentages.

# Focus Population

- ◎ Some schools cater to a specific:
  - Ethnic group
  - Religion

Eliminate schools that are not for you.



# Curriculum

## ⦿ Law

- Socratic method
- Case studies
- Lecture

## ⦿ Medicine

- Standard
- Problem-based learning (PBL)
- System-based
- Hybrid

## ⦿ Chiropractic Medicine

- Straight
- Reform
- Mixer

# Focus

## ⦿ Medicine

- Research
- Clinical
- Service-based

## ⦿ Law

- Geography

# Areas of Strength

- Examples:
  - Richardson School of Law:
    - Environmental law
  - John A. Burns School of Medicine
    - Tropical Diseases

# Setting

- Rural
- Suburban
- Urban
- Densely urban

# Compatibility

- GUT FEELING

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# Useful Resources

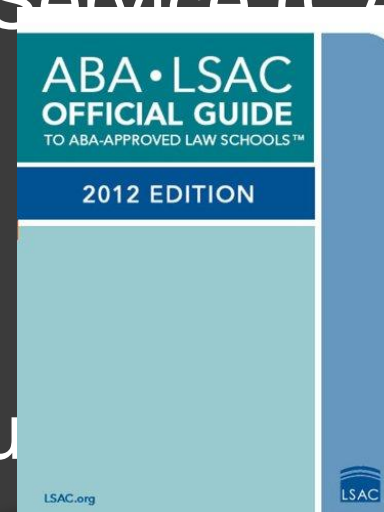
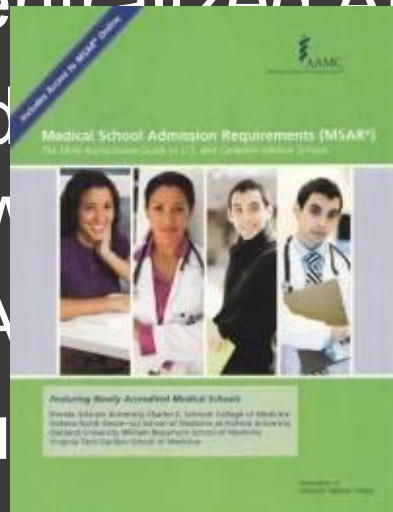
- Reference books at PAC
  - Medical School Admissions Requirements (MSAR)
  - ABA Official Guide to Law School

➤ Centralized Application Service (CAS)

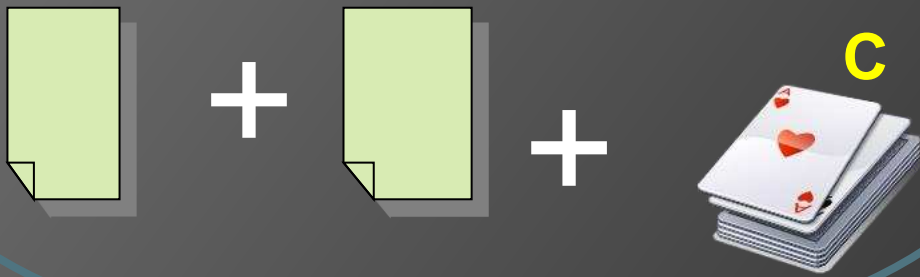
➤ Individual Law Schools

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- A Office

➤ Current Students and alumni



# Activity time!



# Long List → Short List

- Step 1: Create Columns
- Step 2: Sort your short list

# Step 1: Create columns

- Score of entrance exam
- Your GPA
- Sort into 3 columns:
  - Reach, Match, Safety



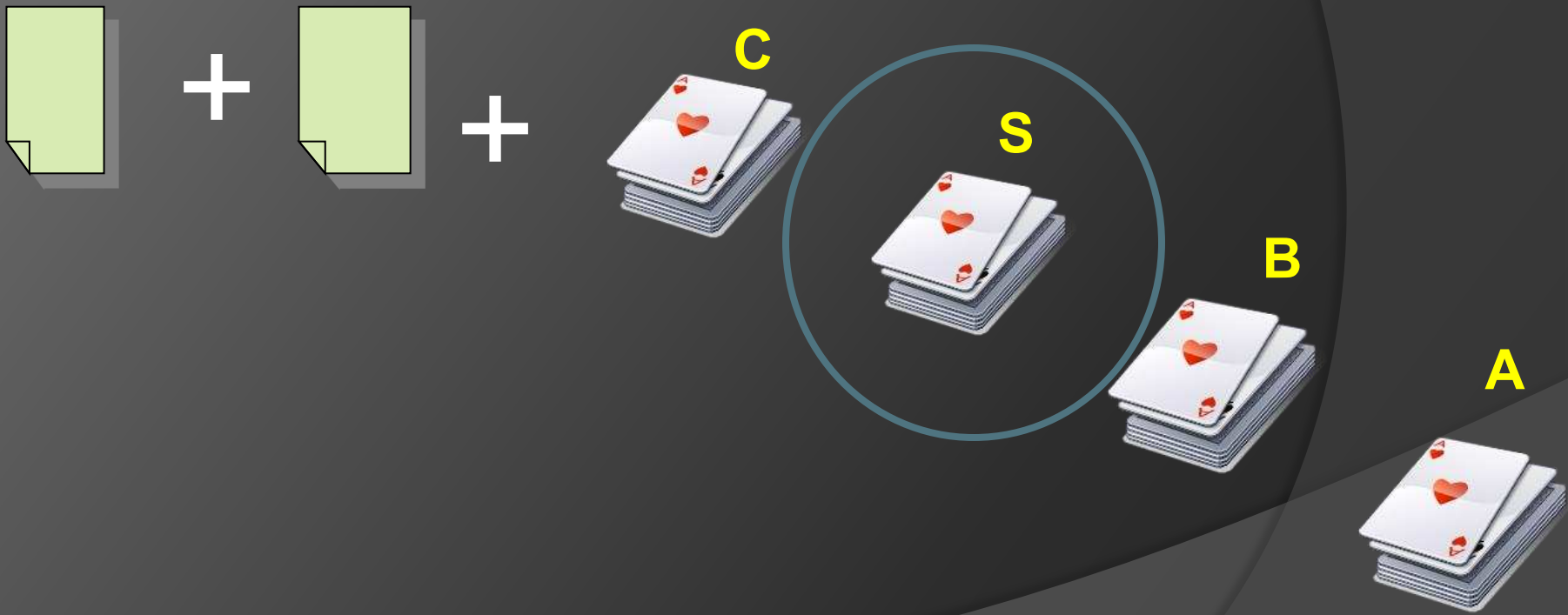
# Step 2: Sort your short list

- Rank the schools in each column
  - Pre-Requisites
  - Pass rate on boards/licensing
  - Areas of specialization
  - Cost/aid
  
- Budget line

Reach	Match	Safety
A	B	C
D	E	F
G	H	I
J	K	L
M	N	O



# Activity time AGAIN!



# For example:

## Reach

- \_\_\_\_\_ #8 \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ #7 \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

## Match

- \_\_\_\_\_ #1 \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ #4 \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

## Safety

- \_\_\_\_\_ #10 \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_



# Tipping Points

- Location
- Tuition
- Aid offered
- Extracurricular opportunities
- Libraries & facilities
- Network & affiliations

# Summary

Long List	Short list
Created through utilizing the 7 Initial Factors	Created using entrance exam score, GPA, and budget
~30-50 schools (Medicine) ~80-90 schools (Law) Varies in other health programs	Depends on your budget
Only created once	Re-created each application cycle
Start building about a year before application cycle	Constructed between when you receive exam score and when you apply

A green chalkboard with a world map at the top, a ruler on the left, and a chalk eraser at the bottom. The text "Any questions?" is written in the center.

Any questions?

# Come Visit Us!



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