Questioning Graduate School?

Things to consider when thinking about graduate school:

Is graduate school a good fit?

- ➢ Why do you want to go to graduate school?
    - o Really think about this because this will help when creating a personal statement
- ➢ Why do you want to attend graduate school now?
- ➢ Are you willing to make the time commitment?
- ➢ Is a Master's degree required for your job/industry of choice?
    - o Research occupations, degree levels, and salary ranges
    - o http://www.bls.gov/ooh/
- ➢ Do you want to attend class online or in-person?
- ➢ What geographic area are you considering?
- ➢ Where would you live?
- ➢ Are you looking to be a full-time or part-time student?
- ➢ What type of experience are you looking for?
- ➢ Have you researched your options?
    - o http://www.gradschools.com/institutions
    - o http://www.usnews.com/education

Specific questions about graduate programs:

- ➢ What schools/cities are your considering?
- ➢ What type of program are you looking for?
- ➢ What is the duration of the program?
- ➢ How many hours are required?
- ➢ What are the classes and when are they scheduled?
- ➢ How much does the program cost?
- ➢ How the department setup and how is the faculty?
- ➢ What is unique or what do you like about the program?
- ➢ What are some concerns regarding the program?
- ➢ What entrance exam is required?
- ➢ What are the average GPA and exam scores?
- ➢ What is needed for the application process?
- ➢ What is the timeline for applying? Is it rolling admissions?
- ➢ What are the profiles of previous classes?
- ➢ Have you researched scholarship or assistantship opportunities?
- ➢ What is the employment rate after completing the program?
- ➢ What types of jobs are available post-graduation?
- ➢ What companies recruit from this program?

Suggestions:

- ✓ Create a comparison chart between schools/programs you are considering
- ✓ Consider your goals and if graduate school will help you achieve these goals
- ✓ Research the school's website first because most information can be found here
- ✓ If you have additional questions, reach out to the recruiter or program director to learn more
- ✓ Be realistic and ready to work hard!