Your Future in International Education: Graduate Study, Goals, and Skills

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Objectives:

This session will provide a forum for us to discuss:

• various **skills** used by professionals at all levels in the field of International Education,
• professional **goals** of those in attendance,
• when graduate school (at both the master's and doctoral levels) can be a useful **strategy** for acquiring them, and
• **expectations** of employers.
Introduction:

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Who’s in the room?

• How many of you have a master’s degree already?

• How many are thinking of pursuing a master’s degree?

• How many of you are thinking of pursuing a doctorate?
Rule #1:

There is no one formula that works for everyone.
IE Professional Competencies identified by NAFSA:

Self-Assessment: Which of these do I have and which do I need?
Do I need a master’s degree to work in the field of international education?
If I decide to pursue a master’s degree, how do I know which program is best for me?

Variables to consider include:

• Preferred learning style
• Personal availability
• Interest area
• Institutional values
• Geographic location
• Academic requirements
• Additional services
Possible Master’s Degree Programs in IE

- Drexel University
- George Washington University
- Lesley University
- Monterrey Institute at Middlebury College
- New York University
- SIT Graduate Institute
- University of Minnesota
- University of the Pacific
Do I need a doctoral degree to work in the field of international education?
If I decide to pursue a doctoral degree, how do I know which program is best for me?

Variables to consider include:

- Length of program
- Format of program
- Research focus
- Foci of faculty
- Availability of programs at work institution
- Assistantship opportunities
Possible Doctoral Degree Programs in IE

- California Institute for Integral Studies
- Drexel University
- Fielding Graduate Institute
- George Washington University
- New York University
- University of Minnesota
What’s the bottom line?
Let’s Talk!

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