

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?

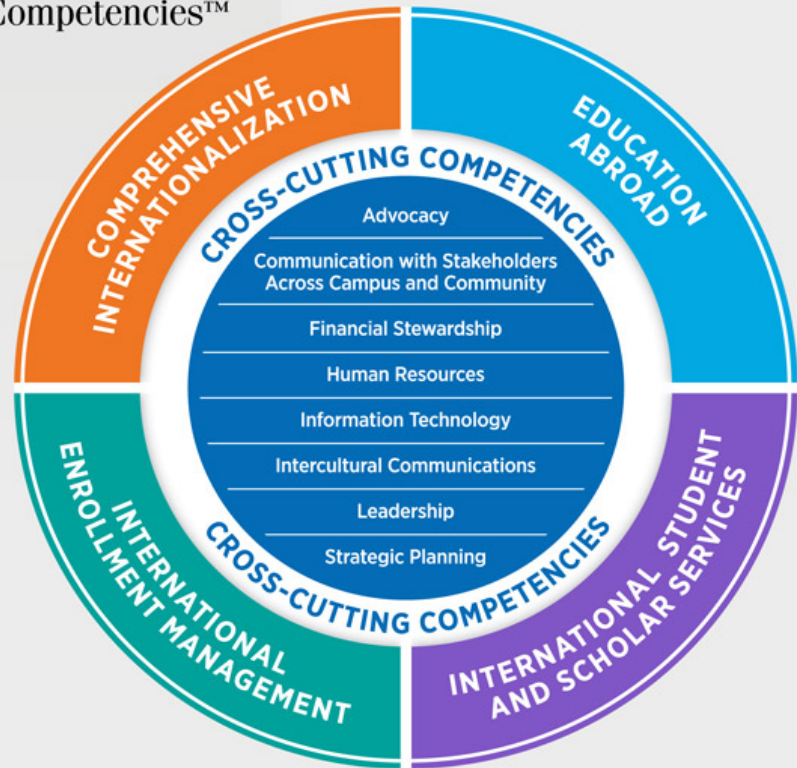
- How many of you have a master's degree already?
- How many are thinking of pursuing a master's degree?
- How many of you are thinking of pursuing a doctorate?

Rule #1:

There is no one formula that works for everyone.

IE Professional Competencies identified by NAFSA:

NAFSA
International
Education
Professional
Competencies™



OVERVIEW OF MAJOR CATEGORIES

COMPREHENSIVE INTERNATIONALIZATION

- Advocacy for Comprehensive Internationalization
- International Partnerships
- Internationalization at Home (Curricular and Cocurricular)
- Mitigating Organizational Risk
- Sustaining Internationalization

EDUCATION ABROAD

- Contributing to Comprehensive Internationalization
- Developing and Implementing Programs (from a U.S. Campus)
- Funding and Financing
- Office Administration
- Risk Assessment and Crisis Management
- Student Advising
- Student Health and Safety

INTERNATIONAL ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

- Admission and Placement of International Students and Scholars
- Contributing to Comprehensive Internationalization
- English as a Second Language Program Administration
- Planning for International Enrollment Management
- Preparing International Students and Scholars for Study in the United States
- Recruiting International Students and Scholars

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR SERVICES

- Contributing to Comprehensive Internationalization
- Crisis Management
- Office Administration
- Orientation, Retention, and Student Services Programming
- Student and Scholar Advising

CROSS-CUTTING COMPETENCIES

- Advocacy
- Communication with Stakeholders Across Campus and Community
- Financial Stewardship
- Human Resources
- Information Technology
- Intercultural Communications
- Leadership
- Strategic Planning

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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