

Tracking Your Progress

FEASIBILITY

❖ *2 Years Out*

- Does MBA have value?
- Upside vs. Sacrifice (cost-benefit analysis)
- Determine whether earning an MBA makes sense.
- Self Assess: Determine career path
- Peer Review
- Look for others who have made transition.
- The more specific the better.

SEARCH & INFORMATION GATHERING

❖ *2 Years to 18 Months Out*

- Deal with Transition Issues
- Check transition assistance programs available.
- Consider timing of separation.
- First Pass on Finances
- Check on tuition assistance programs that are available.
- How to pay for MBA education.
- Degree Program Search
- What programs are available?
- What type of program is best?
- Where?
- Family Considerations?
- Requirements for programs of choice?
- Identify dream School and 3-4 others

PRE-APPLICATION

❖ *18 Months Out*

- Understand general application cycles for schools & programs.
- Research MBA program timelines to determine the best time to begin.
- Funding resources, tuition asst / GI Eligibility/ loans, scholarships, grants.
- Register for prerequisite or supplemental classes.

APPLICATION

❖ *12 Months out*

- Prepare for GMAT.
- Register for test.
- Get preparation tools (MBA.com).

- Understand test and how schools use it.
- Contact programs of interest.
- Attend information sessions.
- Consult with counselors.
- Begin application process.

❖ 9 Months Out

- Prepare application(s) and submit.
- Follow all instructions?
- Create professional look?
- Include all attachments?
- Be sure to seek financial aid.
- Explain any gaps in academic or employment record.

❖ 6 Months

- Market Yourself.
- Seek an on-campus inter-view.
- Practice stressing strengths.
- Demonstrate " fit" with school.
- Stress leadership and experience.
- Take advantage of other links (colleagues, alumni, etc.)

