

Collegiate Gateway

Graduate School Admissions Consulting





*Julie helped me find my strengths and weaknesses,
and clarified the differences between various graduate programs.*

Student, Pace University PsyD in School-Clinical Child Psychology 2020

PERSONALIZED COUNSELING

Collegiate Gateway helps clients realize their educational and professional potential. We offer a wide range of consulting services for graduate and professional school admissions, as well as assessments and career counseling.

In every case, we pay particular attention to the unique needs of each applicant in order to deliver comprehensive, integrated, and highly individualized services. We provide a high-level strategic framework for the entire admissions process, and at the same time help clients coordinate a variety of demanding organizational details.



*Beyond helping me organize my materials and deadlines,
my conversations with Julie were truly thought-provoking and valuable.*

Student, Johns Hopkins MA in School of Advanced International Studies, with full scholarship 2019

PLANNING

The admissions process begins long before a student fills out an application. Collegiate Gateway works closely with students throughout college and post-graduation employment, helping them to make decisions that will be beneficial during the graduate admissions process.

By working together over an extended period of time, we get to know each individual as deeply as possible, and we work closely to identify students' distinctive strengths and interests. We then use our expertise and experience to find best-fit programs and maximize admissions success.

Planning Services:

- Counsel on college majors, minors, and special projects
- Identify unique interests
- Advise on extracurricular and summer activities during college
- Evaluate options for post-college internships, research, and employment
- Recommend standardized testing options, timing, and preparation
- Provide mock interviews with feedback for employment



I have been on a quest of personal discovery. Julie, thank you for letting me know that I am an INFP. America, get ready for me to be all up INFP your face!

Stephen Colbert, Host of The Late Show

ASSESSMENTS

Collegiate Gateway draws upon an extensive background in developmental psychology and counseling. We utilize several personality and interest assessments to help clients understand their strengths and challenges, as well as illuminate potential majors, activities, and career options.

As a result of innate personality preferences, people develop unique approaches to learning, communicating, problem-solving, stress management, and teamwork. This knowledge provides a powerful tool to help clients navigate graduate school and their careers.

Julie Raynor Gross is a Master Practitioner of the following assessments:

- ***Myers-Briggs Type Indicator Step II (MBTI)*** – measures innate personality for people 14 years and older, including facets that differentiate individuals within each of the 16 types
- ***Strong Interest Inventory (SII)*** – assesses interests in academics, extracurricular activities, and potential career paths



The self-awareness gained from our MBTI interpretation sessions has helped prepare me for teamwork in medical school, and for working with patients in my career.

Student, New York University School of Medicine, 2019

ADMISSIONS: MEDICAL SCHOOL

Collegiate Gateway provides guidance for students applying to medical school, often beginning in college. We counsel on relevant coursework and activities throughout both college and gap years. And as students increasingly take one or two years between college and medical school, we help them to choose the best post-college research or employment options to support their medical career goals.

In addition to our Planning Services, we provide the following medical school consulting for applications.

Medical School Admissions Services

- Develop timeline for all admissions activities, including coursework, summer plans, research, shadowing, gap years, MCAT test prep, and essay development
- Assess “best-fit” features and develop a suggested list of appropriate medical schools
- Provide comprehensive information on medical school features and admissions requirements
- Brainstorm and edit AMCAS Personal Statement, activity essays, and secondary essays
- Counsel on recommendations, including professors, research mentors, and employers
- Conduct mock interviews and provide feedback



I really appreciate that Julie made a lot of effort to help me, including late nights and quick turnarounds. I am extremely grateful for her guidance—it was great working together!

Student, Harvard Business School, Class of 2017

ADMISSIONS: BUSINESS SCHOOL

Collegiate Gateway typically begins working with business school applicants during their junior or senior years of college, or during post-graduation employment.

In addition to providing guidance on relevant coursework and activities throughout college, we also help students navigate gap years and post-college employment. Business schools now prefer that students work for three or four years after college, and we help students choose the best options to support their business career goals. We also assist students in gaining admission to 2+2 programs.

Business School Admissions Services

- Develop a timeline for all business school admissions activities, including coursework, summer plans, employment, GMAT/GRE test prep, and essay development
- Assess “best-fit” features and develop a list of appropriate business schools
- Provide comprehensive information on business school features and admissions requirements
- Brainstorm and edit personal statement, and supplemental essays for each application
- Counsel on recommendations, including professors, employers, and clients
- Conduct mock interviews and provide feedback



I am now 5 for 5 on admissions, and have even received large scholarship offers. I am quite thrilled—and very thankful for Julie's help!

Student, Columbia Law School, 2018

ADMISSIONS: LAW SCHOOL

Collegiate Gateway counsels students applying to law school, typically beginning in junior or senior year of college, or post-graduation. We provide guidance on relevant coursework and activities throughout college and subsequent employment.

Law School Admissions Services

- Develop a timeline for all law school admissions activities, including coursework, summer plans, employment, LSAT test prep, and essay development
- Assess “best-fit” features and develop a list of appropriate law schools
- Provide comprehensive information on law school features and admissions requirements
- Brainstorm and edit LSAC Personal Statement, as well as customized essays for each application
- Counsel on recommendations, including professors, employers, and clients
- Conduct mock interviews and provide feedback



I just finished the interview. I think it was REALLY great! My preparation with Julie was indispensable, and helped a lot!

Student, Brandeis MS in Mathematics of Finance, 2018

ADMISSIONS: GRADUATE SCHOOLS

Collegiate Gateway provides guidance for students applying to graduate programs in all fields, typically beginning in junior or senior year of college, or post-graduation. Our students have attended a wonderful array of programs in fields as varied as engineering, computer science, finance, international relations, journalism, and clinical psychology.

Graduate School Admissions Services

- Develop a timeline for all graduate school admissions activities, including coursework, summer plans, employment, GRE test prep and schedule, and essay development
- Assess “best-fit” features and develop a list of appropriate graduate schools
- Provide comprehensive information on graduate school features and admissions requirements
- Brainstorm and edit Personal Statement, as well as customized essays for each application
- Counsel on recommendations, including professors, employers, and research mentors
- Conduct mock interviews and provide feedback



Just after being promoted into a new management role, doing an MBTI assessment with Julie was a wonderful tool to begin thinking in depth about my own leadership style.

Director of Marketing, restaurant and hospitality group

CAREERS

Finding a fulfilling career path requires matching an individual's preferences, talents, and personality with appropriate occupations.

We begin by becoming familiar with our clients' academic and personal backgrounds, and then provide a variety of services to help them present their strengths and accomplishments as effectively as possible.

Career Services

- Administer and interpret MBTI and Strong Interest Inventory assessments
- Clarify preferred styles of learning, communicating, working, leadership, and teamwork
- Determine best-fit academic and career paths
- Develop effective resumes and cover letters
- Conduct mock employment interviews with feedback



At the core of my counseling practice is a life-long philosophy of positivity, empowerment, and support.

Julie Raynor Gross, President and Founder

ABOUT JULIE

Julie Raynor Gross is the President and Founder of Collegiate Gateway. As a graduate admissions counselor, Ms. Gross draws upon a diverse, interdisciplinary background in psychology, education, business management, and strategic planning. She is also a Master Practitioner of several assessments that identify individuals' innate personalities and career interests. Altogether, this experience allows her to craft creative approaches that integrate an individual's talents, goals, and preferences.

Gaining admission to a top-tier professional or graduate program has never been more difficult or complex. But with the right amount of warmth, guidance, and sensitivity, Ms. Gross helps clients to become more aware of their interests, confident of their unique talents, and empowered to achieve.

AFFILIATIONS



