

158. Getting In

Exhibit 7.4

Examples of Questions You Might Ask

- How is the training in this program organized? What is a typical program of study?
- What training model is emphasized? (Ask only if this has not been made explicit in the program materials or through your research.)
- What kind of practicum opportunities would I have? When could these begin?
- Are there opportunities to work with specific populations such as _____?
- What's the typical success rate for finding jobs for individuals in this program (especially in the specific types of jobs you are interested in)?
- Would I be likely to get financial aid in my first year? If I can't get financial aid in the first year, is there a better possibility in the second or later years?
- What kinds of teaching and research assistantships or traineeships are available? What proportion of first-year students receive them?
- What is the retention rate in this particular program? How long does it typically take to get through?
- I've read about your (or X and Y's) research on _____. What are the possibilities that graduate students could get involved in that research?
- I understand that I will get a master's degree on my way to the PhD. What are the master's and doctoral requirements?
- When are comprehensive exams typically taken?
- Are faculty supportive with regard to original ideas for research?
- Is it possible to talk to a few graduate students in this program?