This presentation will review the factors surrounding the academic readiness of graduate students. Included in this review will be a consideration of the negative implications for the student and the institution when the student is allowed to enroll in a graduate degree program where he or she isn't really passionate or is uncertain about being in the program. Academic readiness (as well as maturational readiness) of students will be reviewed and evaluated as factors in graduate student success. This presentation will also consider the impact of student socialization processes for graduate students. Time management, life responsibilities, goal setting, planning, and finances will also be investigated.