The Center for Career Development

Graduate Outcomes Survey
Class of 2017-2018

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What Are They Doing Now?

The Class of 2017 – 2018 Graduate Outcomes Survey consists of students who graduated in August 2017, December 2017 and May 2018. An online survey was conducted by the Duquesne University Center for Career Development prior to graduation and concluding about three months after graduation. Email reminders were also sent at regular intervals to those who did not respond to the initial survey. Additionally we secured data from Faculty and Department Chairs, as well as social media sources. The result of these combined sources gave us a 67% Knowledge Rate of the graduating class. A Knowledge Rate is defined by the National Association of Colleges and Employers as the percent of graduates for whom the institution has reasonable and verifiable information regarding a graduate's post-graduation status.

Employment Information

67% of all survey respondents reported that they would be employed full time upon graduation. Listed below you will see the list of the top organizations where our graduates are working. Additionally, you will see the breakdown by industry, job function, location of the positions, as well as salary information.

Top Employers

ADP
Allegheny County
Allegheny Health Network
American Eagle Outfitters
Bechtel Plant Machinery, Inc.
BNY Mellon
Citizen’s Bank
Cleveland Clinic
CVS Health
Delta Care Rx
Duquesne University
Elite Transit Solutions
Enterprise Holdings
Ernst & Young
Federated Investors
FedEx
Giant Eagle
Health South
Highmark
KPMG
Omnicell
Penn State Hershey
Medical Center
UPMC
PPG
PwC
Rite Aid
University of Pittsburgh
United States Steel
UPMC
Walgreens
WESCO
Western Psychiatric Institute & Clinic

Nursing

89%

Arts

63%

Business

77%

Education

68%

Health Sciences

42%

Music

58%

Sciences

33%

Biomedical

59%
Breakdown by Industry

- Pharmaceuticals/Biotechnology/Healthcare: 36%
- Accounting/Finance and Insurance: 13%
- Educational Services: 11%
- Consumer Products/Retail: 8%
- Government/Non-Profit: 6%
- Technology/Science: 2%
- Manufacturing: 2%
- Consulting Services: 2%
- Transportation: 2%
- Other: 18%

Job Function

- Health Care/Health Services: 46%
- Accounting/Finance: 9%
- Teaching/Education: 8%
- Information Systems/Technology: 4%
- Marketing/Sales: 4%
- Counseling/Human Services: 3%
- Management/Administration: 2%
- Communications/Advertising/Public Relations: 2%
- Scientist: 2%
- Consulting: 2%
- Other: 18%

Relevance to Major

97% of the respondents indicated that this position was at least somewhat related to their major.

By schools, the respondents who indicated that their position was at least somewhat related to their major:

- Arts: 88%
- Business: 95%
- Education: 97%
- Health Sciences: 100%
- Music: 86%
- Nursing: 99%
- Pharmacy: 100%
- Sciences: 96%
- Biomedical Engineering: 100%

Where Are They Working?

- Pennsylvania: 73%
- Midwest (WI, MO, IA, MN, NE, MI, OH, IN, ND, SD, IL): 6%
- Northeast (ME, VT, NY, NH, CT, MA, NJ, RI): 6%
- Mid-Atlantic (MD, VA, WV, DE, DC): 5%
- South (NC, SC, KY, TN, GA, FL, AL, AR, LA, MS): 5%
- Southwest (CO, AZ, TX, OK, NM): 2%
- West (CA, HI, WA, OR, AK, MT, ID, UT, NV, WY): 2%
- Outside the U.S.: 1%

Salary Information

Starting salary information was provided by 434 of the 686 respondents who indicated that they would be employed full time at graduation. 53 respondents indicated that they received a signing bonus, 44 of 53 respondents provided information.

- Average Salary: $60,666
- Median Salary: $52,000
- Average Signing Bonus: $4,743
- Median Signing Bonus: $5,000

Average Salary by Schools

- Arts: $52,214
- Business: $53,692
- Education: $47,398
- Health Sciences: $59,718
- Music: $31,500
- Nursing: $57,509
- Pharmacy: $88,671
- Sciences: $53,803

How Our Graduates Secured Employment

- Networking (faculty, family, friends, etc.): 26%
- Internet job listings: 26%
- Hired from internship: 17%
- DuqCareerLink (on-campus interviews or job listings): 9%
- Job fairs: 6%
- Classifieds/job vacancy bulletins: 3%
- Other: 13%

When The Position Was Accepted

- Continuing with current employer: 37%
- Within three months before graduation: 44%
- Within three months after graduation: 17%
- More than three months after graduation: 2%
**Career Related Experiences**

83% of the respondents reported having one or more internship or career related work experiences. Of students reporting internship experiences, the average number reported per student is three.

Approximately 46% of those experiences were taken for academic credit, as reported by the respondent. 57% of the reported career related work experiences were paid versus 43% that were unpaid.

By schools, those who reported taking at least one internship or career related experience:

- Arts: 70%
- Business: 83%
- Education: 89%
- Health Sciences: 87%
- Music: 82%
- Nursing: 86%
- Pharmacy: 97%
- Sciences: 69%
- Biomedical Engineering: 100%

**Graduate Study**

18% of the respondents indicated that they would be attending graduate school within one year of graduation.

72% of the students will be attending Duquesne University. Additionally, the most frequently reported schools were:

- George Washington University
- Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine
- University of Kentucky
- University of Pittsburgh
- West Virginia University

**Degrees**

- Masters: 74%
- Doctorate: 20%
- Other: 6%

**Fields of Study**

- Health: 45%
- Sciences: 16%
- Law: 10%
- Business: 8%
- Arts and Humanities: 5%
- Medical: 4%
- Education: 3%
- Human Services: 3%
- Engineering: 2%
- Other: 5%

**Top Internship Employers**

- ADP
- Allegheny County
- Allegheny Health Network
- Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh
- CVS
- Duquesne University
- Giant Eagle
- HealthSouth
- Highmark
- KPMG
- Pittsburgh Steelers
- PNC
- PwC
- Rite Aid
- UPMC