West Chester University of Pennsylvania: 2016-17 Graduate Alumni Survey

The 2016-17 Graduate Alumni Survey was administered to 792 graduate degree recipients during the spring of 2019 with the goal of capturing overall satisfaction, employment-search experience, post-graduation employment and/or continuing education, and the importance of various skills acquired while a graduate student.

A total of 111 graduate alumni responded to the survey for an overall response rate of 14% and 10 were recipients of a $10 Amazon.com gift card offered by the State System as an incentive for participation. Of those 111 graduate alumni, almost 84% were employed full-time, while an additional 3% were enrolled in a program of continuing or graduate education. Less than 3% were seeking employment.

Of those graduate alumni who were employed and provided employment information, 76% were employed in Pennsylvania.

83.8% Response Rate
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75.6% employed in PA
Of those graduate alumni who provided a location of employment, most are employed in PA
The education industry; the health and/or medical services industry; and the social and/or community services industry employed over 65% of graduate alumni. The law, law enforcement, and/or criminal justice industry; the military; and the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting industry did not employ any responding graduate alumni.

Less than 5% of employed graduate alumni said their occupation is unrelated to their program/area of study, while over 68% said their job is directly related to their area of study.
The top five sources for graduate alumni to cover their college expenses excluding Federal and/or State financial aid were from personal savings (49%), off-campus jobs (32%), graduate assistantships (31%), private loans (25%), and parental/family/friends contributions (23%).

Overall, 82% of graduate alumni said they would choose the same university again if they had to do it over, while 77% would choose the same major(s).