

VSA Future Plans Graduate Survey December 2013

In December 2013, the Office of Institutional Research of the West Chester University of Pennsylvania (WCU) conducted a survey of students who were graduating with a Master's degree in December 2013. The purpose of the survey was to assess their future plans. The survey consisted of the broad question: "What is most likely to be your principal activity upon graduation?", as well as, follow-up by questions depending on the graduates' response category. A total of 90 students responded to the online survey. This represents approximately 37.2% of the 242 students graduating. The findings of the survey are displayed below.

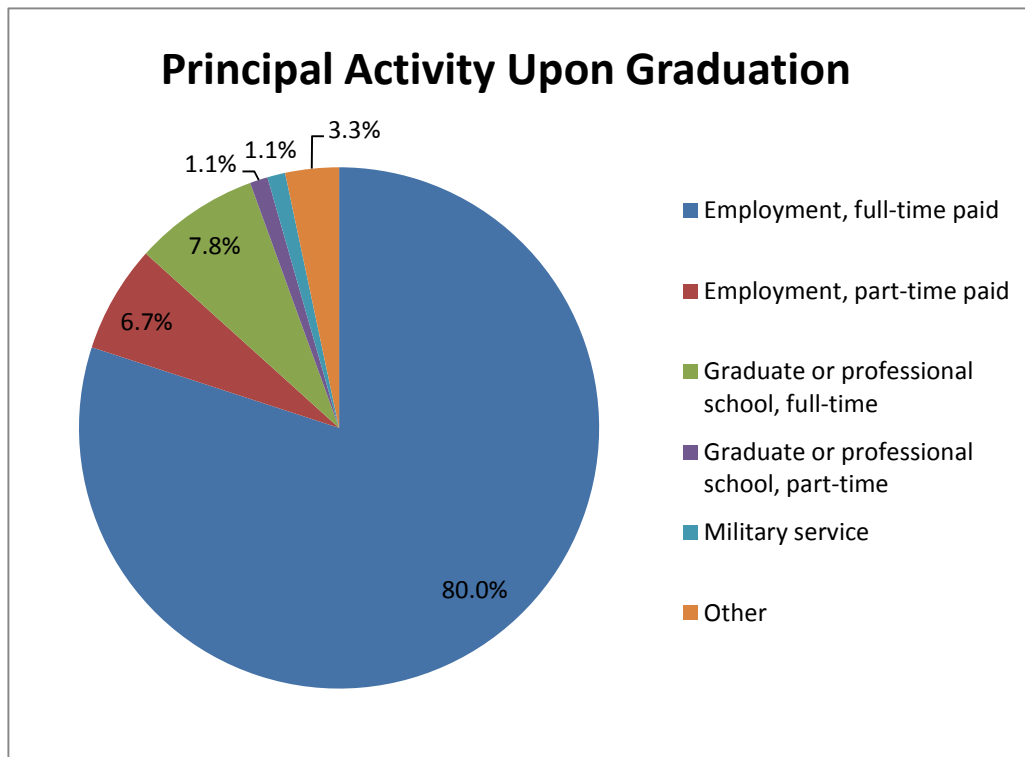


Table 1: Future Plans

Response Category	Fall 2013	
	#	%
Employment, Full-time paid	72	80.0
Employment, Part-time paid	6	6.7
Graduate/Professional School, Full-time	7	7.8
Graduate/Professional School, Part-time	1	1.1
Additional Undergraduate Coursework	0	0.0
Military Service	1	1.1
Volunteer Activity	0	0.0
Starting or Raising a Family	0	0.0
Other	3	3.3
TOTAL	90	100.0

For the 72 students who indicated employment, full-time as their primary plan after graduation, 47 indicated they had accepted a position or were continuing on in their current position. 44 provided further information on their salary range. The responses to follow-up questions are provided in the tables below.

Table 2: Employment, Full Time As Primary Plan By Position Acceptance

Position Acceptance	Full-Time Employment	
	#	%
Accepted a Position	5	6.9
Not Yet Accepted a Position	25	34.7
Continuing Current Employment	42	58.3
TOTAL	72	100.0

Table 3: Employment, Full Time As Primary Plan By Salary Range

Salary Range	Accepted a position		Continuing current employment		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
<\$20,000	0	0.0	1	2.5	1	2.3
\$20,000 - \$29,999	1	25.0	5	12.5	6	13.6
\$30,000 - \$39,999	1	25.0	6	15.0	7	15.9
\$40,000 - \$49,999	1	25.0	8	20.0	9	20.5
\$50,000 - \$59,999	0	0.0	12	30.0	12	27.3
\$60,000 - \$69,999	0	0.0	6	15.0	6	13.6
\$70,000+	1	25.0	2	5.0	3	6.8
TOTAL	4	100.0	40	100.0	44	100.0

Responses pertaining to hiring organization and position can be found in Appendix A.

There were 8 student who indicated that their primary plan after graduation was to attend graduate/professional school; of those, 2 of those 8 indicated that they were accepted in the program; one was seeking a Master’s (including MSW, MBA, etc.) degree and the other was seeking a Doctoral (including JD, MD, etc.) degree.

The survey also contains a question pertaining to if the student completed either an internship or practicum or student teaching or field experience etc. while at West Chester University. There were 13 students from the College of Arts and Sciences, 7 from the College of Business and Public Affairs, 29 from the College of Education, 4 from the College of Health Sciences, and 1 from the College of Visual and Performing Arts who completed either an internship or a practicum or a student teaching or field experience. The results of this question, broken down by respondent’s College is provided below.

Table 4: Internship Completion by College

Completed Internship, practicum, student teaching, field experience, etc.	College of Arts and Sciences		College of Business and Public Affairs		College of Education		College of Health Sciences		College of Visual and Performing Arts		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Yes	13	50.0	7	43.8	29	70.7	4	80.0	1	100.0	54	60.7
No	13	50.0	9	56.3	12	29.3	1	20.0	0	0.0	35	39.3
Total	26	100.0	16	100.0	41	100.0	5	100.0	1	100.0	89	100.0

APPENDIX A

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Name of the Hiring Organization	Location of the Hiring Organization	Job Title	#	%
Archdiocese of Philadelphia	Wayne, PA	Teacher	1	2.4%
BAI Group Inc.	Royersford, PA	Environmental Consultant	1	2.4%
Bright Beginnings Education Centers	Oxford, PA	PA PreK Counts Assistant Director and Lead Teacher	1	2.4%
Cancer Treatment Centers of America	Philadelphia, PA	Quality Research Associate	1	2.4%
Coatesville Area School District	Coatesville, PA	Teacher	1	2.4%
Cocalico SD	Denver, PA	English Teacher	1	2.4%
Daniel Boone Area School District	Birdsboro, PA	2nd Grade Teacher	1	2.4%
Daniel Boone School District	Douglassville, PA	Classroom Teacher	1	2.4%
Delaware County Intermediate Unit	Morton, PA	Inclusive Preschool Instructor	1	2.4%
Devereux Foundation	Glenmoore, PA	Special Education Teacher	1	2.4%
DOL	Philadelphia, PA	Economist	1	2.4%
Drexel University	Philadelphia, PA	Academic Advisor	1	2.4%
Fox Chase Cancer Center	Philadelphia, PA	Technical Specialist	1	2.4%
Goddard Systems Inc	King of Prussia, PA	Professional Development Trainer	1	2.4%
Great Valley School District	Malvern, PA	Teacher	1	2.4%
Harcum College	Bryn Mawr, PA	Assistant Controller	1	2.4%
Jeffersonville Country Day School	Norristown, PA	Prek/Kindergarten Teacher	1	2.4%

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Laboratory Charter School	Philadelphia, PA	Teacher	1	2.4%
Members 1st FCU	Mechanicaburg, PA	Bill Pay and Remote Deposit Specialist	1	2.4%
Montgomery County Youth Center	Norristown, PA	Secure Detention Counselor	1	2.4%
NHS Human Services of Chester County	Coatesville, PA	DSP	1	2.4%
North Penn Community Health Foundation	Colmar, PA	Program Officer	1	2.4%
Oneida Fire Protection	Boothwyn, PA	Office Manager	1	2.4%
Oxford Area School District	Oxford, PA	First Grade Teacher	1	2.4%
Penn State University	University Park, PA	Admissions Counselor	1	2.4%
Prince George County School District	Bladensburg, MD	Kindergarten Teacher	1	2.4%
SAP America, Inc	Newtown Square, PA	Sr. Director, Business Innovation and Application Services	1	2.4%
School District of Haverford Township	Havertown, PA	Instructional Assistant	1	2.4%
School District of Haverford Township	Havertown, PA	Teacher	1	2.4%
School District of Philadelphia	Philadelphia, PA	English Teacher	1	2.4%
School District of Philadelphia	Philadelphia, PA	Teacher	1	2.4%
Sherwin-Williams	Philadelphia, PA	Store Manager	1	2.4%
Sherwin-Williams	West Chester, PA	Outside Sales Representative	1	2.4%
Taif University	Saudi Arabia	Teaching assistant	1	2.4%

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TE Connectivity	Harrisburg, PA	Program Implementation Manager	1	2.4%
The Lincoln Center	Norristown, PA	Family Counselor	1	2.4%
Ursinus College	Collegeville, PA	Assistant Director of Residence Life	1	2.4%
West Chester University	West Chester, PA	Clerk II	1	2.4%
Not Provided	Chester County, PA	Teacher	1	2.4%
Not provided	Malvern, PA	Assistant Direct	1	2.4%
Not provided	Philadelphia, PA	Manager of Community Health	1	2.4%
Total			41	100.0%

APPENDIX B

Primary Plan by College

Principal Activity	College of Arts & Sciences		College of Business and Public Affairs		College of Education		College of Health Sciences		College of Visual and Performing Arts	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Employment, full-time paid	17	65.4	14	87.5	36	87.8	4	80.0	1	100.0
Employment, part-time paid	2	7.7	0	0.0	4	9.8	0	0.0	0	0.0
Graduate or professional school, full-time	5	19.2	0	0.0	1	2.4	0	0.0	0	0.0
Graduate or professional school, part-time	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	0	0.0
Additional undergraduate coursework	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Military Service	0	0.0	1	6.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Volunteer activity	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Starting or raising a family	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other	2	7.7	1	6.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
TOTAL	26	100.0	16	100.0	41	100.0	5	100.0	1	100.0