

VSA Future Plans Survey Fall 2014: Graduate Program Students

During December of 2014, the Office of Institutional Research of West Chester University of Pennsylvania (WCU) conducted an online survey of students who were intending to graduate with a Master's degree at the end of fall 2014 term. The purpose of the survey was to assess their future plans. The survey consisted of the broad question: "What is the 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 74 students responded to the survey. This represents approximately 38.3% of the 193 students intending to graduate in December 2014. The findings of the survey are displayed below.

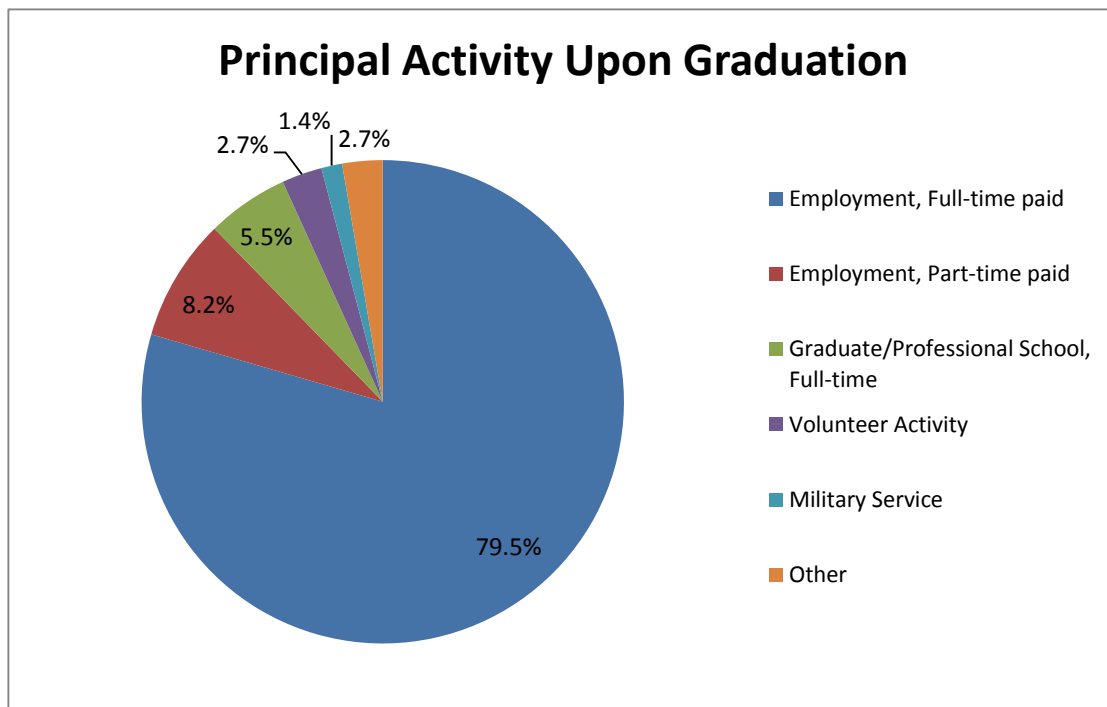


Table 1: Future Plans

| Response Category | Fall 2014 | |
|---|-----------|--------------|
| | # | % |
| Employment, Full-time paid | 58 | 79.5% |
| Employment, Part-time paid | 6 | 8.2% |
| Graduate/Professional School, Full-time | 4 | 5.5% |
| Graduate/Professional School, Part-time | 0 | 0.0% |
| Volunteer Activity | 2 | 2.7% |
| Starting or Raising a Family | 0 | 0.0% |
| Military Service | 1 | 1.4% |
| Other | 2 | 2.7% |
| TOTAL | 73 | 100.0 |

For the 58 survey respondents who indicated employment, full-time as their primary plan after graduation, 43 indicated they had either accepted a position or were continuing on in their current position, 42 out of 43 respondents provided further information on their salary range. The responses to follow-up questions are provided in the tables below.

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

| Position Acceptance | Full-Time Employment | | Part-Time Employment | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| | # | % | # | % |
| Accepted a Position | 8 | 13.8% | 1 | 16.7% |
| Not Yet Accepted a Position | 15 | 25.9% | 3 | 50.0% |
| Continuing Current Employment | 35 | 60.3% | 2 | 33.3% |
| TOTAL | 58 | 100.0% | 6 | 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 | 2.9% | 1 | 2.4% |
| \$20,000 - \$29,999 | 0 | 0.0% | 2 | 5.9% | 2 | 4.8% |
| \$30,000 - \$39,999 | 5 | 62.5% | 4 | 11.8% | 9 | 21.4% |
| \$40,000 - \$49,999 | 0 | 0.0% | 9 | 26.5% | 9 | 21.4% |
| \$50,000 - \$59,999 | 1 | 12.5% | 6 | 17.6% | 7 | 16.7% |
| \$60,000 - \$69,999 | 1 | 12.5% | 6 | 17.6% | 7 | 16.7% |
| \$70,000+ | 1 | 12.5% | 6 | 17.6% | 7 | 16.7% |
| TOTAL | 8 | 100.0% | 34 | 100.0% | 42 | 100.0% |

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

The survey contains a question pertaining to if the student completed either an internship, practicum, student teaching, field experience, etc. while at West Chester University. There were 9 respondents from the College of Arts and Sciences, 8 from the College of Business and Public Affairs, 10 from the College of Education, 9 from the College of Health Sciences, and 1 from the College of Visual and Performing Arts who completed either an internship, practicum, 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 (Reported by Survey Respondents)

| 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 | 9 | 45.0% | 8 | 33.3% | 10 | 100.0% | 9 | 75.0% | 1 | 16.7% | 37 | 51.4% |
| No | 11 | 55.0% | 16 | 66.7% | 0 | 0.0% | 3 | 25.0% | 5 | 83.3% | 35 | 48.6% |
| TOTAL | 20 | 100.0% | 24 | 100.0% | 10 | 100.0% | 12 | 100.0% | 6 | 100.0% | 72 | 100.0% |

There were four survey respondents who indicated that their primary plan after graduation was to attend graduate/professional school; of those four respondents, only one provided details: indicated about pursuing a Doctoral degree.

APPENDIX A – Employment Information (Reported by Survey Respondents)

| Name of the Hiring Organization | Location of the Hiring Organization | Job Title | # | % |
|--|--|---|----------|----------|
| ActionAIDS | Philadelphia, PA | Case Management Coordinator | 1 | 2.4% |
| AmeriGas Propane | King of Prussia, PA | Staff Accountant | 1 | 2.4% |
| Aramark | West Chester, PA | Sustainability Coordinator | 1 | 2.4% |
| Barclay Friends | West Chester, PA | Social Services Associate | 1 | 2.4% |
| Caron Treatment Centers | Wernersville, PA | Counselor Assistant | 1 | 2.4% |
| Chester City Hall | Chester, PA | Director of Purchasing | 1 | 2.4% |
| Chester County Futures | Exton, PA | Student Services Coordinator | 1 | 2.4% |
| Chichester School District | Boothwyn, Pennsylvania | Kindergarten Teacher | 1 | 2.4% |
| Coatesville Treatment Center | Coatesville, PA | Clinical Supervisor | 1 | 2.4% |
| Donegal School District | Mount Joy, PA | Health and Wellness Educator | 1 | 2.4% |
| Downingtown Area School District | Downingtown, PA | Health & Physical Education Teacher | 1 | 2.4% |
| E*TRADE Financial Corporation | Arlington, Virginia | Manager, Internal Audit | 1 | 2.4% |
| Family Service of Chester County | West Chester, PA | Counselor | 1 | 2.4% |
| FCT Area Councils Service Commission | FCT-Abuja, Nigeria | Asst. Director of Primary Healthcare, Disease control | 1 | 2.4% |
| Garnet Valley School District | Glen Mills, PA | Special Education Teacher | 1 | 2.4% |
| Inserts East | Pennsauken, NJ | Accountant | 1 | 2.4% |
| Interboro School District | Prospect Park, PA | Teacher | 1 | 2.4% |
| Lincoln University | Lincoln University, PA | Program Analyst, Institutional Research | 1 | 2.4% |

| Name of the Hiring Organization | Location of the Hiring Organization | Job Title | # | % |
|---|--|---|----------|----------|
| Main Line Health | Bryn Mawr, PA | Senior Accounts Payable Analyst | 1 | 2.4% |
| Nazareth Area School District | Nazareth, PA | Music Teacher | 1 | 2.4% |
| Neumann University | Aston, PA | Adjunct Professor | 1 | 2.4% |
| NFP Executive Benefits | Jamison, PA | Consultant | 1 | 2.4% |
| Owen J Roberts School District | Pottstown, PA | High School English Teacher | 1 | 2.4% |
| Penn Highlands DuBois | DuBois PA | Therapist I | 1 | 2.4% |
| Penn Medicine | Philadelphia, PA | Data Scientist | 1 | 2.4% |
| Pennsylvania State University | State College, PA | Environmental Scientist | 1 | 2.4% |
| Philadelphia Performing Arts Charter School | Philadelphia PA | Music Teacher | 1 | 2.4% |
| Pottstown Public Library | Pottstown, PA | Youth Assistant | 1 | 2.4% |
| Renaissance Academy Charter School | Phoenixville, PA | Music Teacher | 1 | 2.4% |
| SAP America, Inc. | Newtown Square, PA | Human Resources Specialist | 1 | 2.4% |
| School District of Philadelphia - Jules Mastbaum AVTS | Philadelphia, PA | Music Teacher | 1 | 2.4% |
| Selective Insurance Company | Hamilton, NJ | Commercial Lines Underwriter | 1 | 2.4% |
| St. Aloysius Academy | Bryn Mawr, PA | Classroom Music Teacher/ Music Department Coordinator | 1 | 2.4% |
| TD Bank | King of Prussia, PA | Vice President - Commercial Credit Manager | 1 | 2.4% |
| The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia | Philadelphia, PA | Lead Staff Accountant | 1 | 2.4% |
| The Renfrew Center | Radnor, PA | Diet Tech | 1 | 2.4% |

| Name of the Hiring Organization | Location of the Hiring Organization | Job Title | # | % |
|--|--|--|-----------|---------------|
| Theorem Clinical Research | King of Prussia, Pennsylvania | GCP Specialist | 1 | 2.4% |
| Transamerica | Exton, PA | Digital Marketing Manager | 1 | 2.4% |
| Upper Darby School District | Upper Darby, PA | Teacher | 1 | 2.4% |
| vsoft technology limited | Louisville, Kentucky | junior network engineer | 1 | 2.4% |
| Warwick family services | Malvern, PA | Family based counselor | 1 | 2.4% |
| West Chester University | West Chester, PA | Resident Director, Residence Life and Housing Services | 1 | 2.4% |
| TOTAL | | | 42 | 100.0% |

APPENDIX B - Graduate School Information (Reported by Survey Respondents)

| Name of the Institution | Program of Study | # | % |
|--|-------------------------|----------|--------------|
| National University of Colombia. (Universidad Nacional) | Public Health | 1 | 100.0 |
| TOTAL | | 1 | 100.0 |

APPENDIX C – Principal Activity by College (Reported by Survey Respondents)

| Principal Activity | College of Arts & Sciences | | College of Business & Public Affairs | | College of Education | | College of Health Sciences | | College of Visual & Performing Arts | |
|--|----------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| Employment, full-time paid | 15 | 78.9% | 20 | 83.3% | 9 | 90.0% | 9 | 75.0% | 4 | 66.7% |
| Employment, part-time paid | 2 | 10.5% | 2 | 8.3% | 1 | 10.0% | 1 | 8.3% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Graduate or professional school, full-time | 1 | 5.3% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 2 | 33.3% |
| Graduate or professional school, part-time | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Volunteer activity | 1 | 5.3% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 1 | 8.3% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Starting or raising a family | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Military Service | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 1 | 8.3% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Other | 0 | 0.0% | 2 | 8.3% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| TOTAL | 19 | 100.0% | 24 | 100.0% | 10 | 100.0% | 12 | 100.0% | 6 | 100.0% |