NIU Alumni Survey
Undergraduate Students
Academic Year 2017-2018

Employment, Additional Education, Satisfaction, and Internships

Accreditation, Assessment and Evaluation
Background

Sample

- Undergraduate alumni
  - Fall 2017, Spring 2018, and Summer 2018

Method

- Qualtrics survey
- Surveyed post-graduation, January 2020

Survey Highlights

- Alumni employment and additional education
- Alumni satisfaction with NIU
- Alumni internships while attending NIU
Alumni Employment and Additional Education
Employment Status
(approx. 18 months after graduation)

Employed full-time: 81%
Employed part-time: 12%
Not employed: 7%

Total Respondents = 580
Additional Education since Attaining Undergraduate Degree
(asked approx. 18 months post-graduation)

Total Respondents = 564
Types of Additional Degrees Pursued

- Academic Master's (MA, MS, MSEd,...) 42%
- Other degree (please specify) 22%
- Professional Master's (MBA, MSW, MFA...) 15%
- Health Professional (e.g., AuD, DDS,...) 5%
- Doctorate (PhD, EdD, DA, DBA, PsyD...) 4%
- Certificate (please specify) 3%
- Additional Undergraduate 3%
- Law (e.g., JD, LLB, Paralegal...) 3%
- Medical degree (e.g., MD, DO...) 1%
- Specialist (EdS...) 1%

Total Responses = 223
Sector of Current Employment

- Business (industry/manufacturing, commercial, etc.) 41%
- Health agency (hospital, clinic) 12%
- Elementary/secondary school (including K-12) 10%
- Professional firm (engineering, law, accounting) 9%
- Other 8%
- College or university 7%
- Government (federal, state, local) 6%
- Non-profit (non-government) 4%
- Self-employed or private practice 1%
- Military/Armed services 1%

Total Respondents = 497
Location of Current Employment

- 78% In Illinois
- 21% Outside of Illinois, in the United States
- 1% Outside of the United States

Total Respondents = 455
Time to First Job
(asked approx. 18 month post-graduation)

- 70% Less than 6 months
- 14% More than 6 months but less than 1 year
- 9% One year or more
- 7% Have not secured a job yet

Total Respondents = 551
Chart excludes those who held the same job while enrolled at NIU (N = 81)
Relatedness of NIU Undergraduate Degree to Current Job

- Closely related: 42%
- Related: 35%
- Unrelated, by choice: 11%
- Unrelated, NOT by choice: 13%

Total Respondents = 501
Satisfaction With Current Job

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Total Respondents = 494
Preparedness For Current Job

Total Respondents = 495

- Strongly agree: 31%
- Somewhat agree: 40%
- Neither disagree nor agree: 13%
- Somewhat disagree: 8%
- Strongly disagree: 7%
Alumni Satisfaction with NIU
"I would recommend NIU to a prospective student."

n = 543

73% Agree, 14% Neither disagree nor agree, 13% Disagree

"I am satisfied with my overall experience as an undergraduate student at NIU."

n = 544

79% Agree, 12% Neither disagree nor agree, 9% Disagree

Agree = Somewhat Agree and Strongly Agree; Disagree = Somewhat Disagree and Strongly Disagree
Satisfaction with NIU’s Services

"I felt safe while on campus at NIU."

Agree

Disagree

n = 532

"I am satisfied with the career advising I received at NIU."

Agree

Neither disagree nor agree

Disagree

n = 483

Agree = Somewhat Agree and Strongly Agree; Disagree = Somewhat Disagree, and Strongly Disagree
Alumni Internships While Attending NIU
Internships While Attending NIU

Number of Internships Completed

- None: 51%
- One: 34%
- Two: 11%
- Three: 3%
- More than three: 2%

Total Respondents = 522

Characteristics of Internships Completed

- Paid: 39%
- For credit: 28%
- Within your discipline: 33%

Total Respondents = 483
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