Background

Sample

- Graduate 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
Response Rates

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Alumni Employment and Additional Education
Employment Status
(approx. 18 months after graduation)

Total Respondents = 340
Additional Education since Graduating from NIU
(asked approx. 18 months post-graduation)

Total Respondents = 293

- Pursing degree or certificate: 12%
- Completed degree or certificate: 9%
- No additional education: 80%
Types of Additional Degrees Pursued

- Certificate (please specify) - 33%
- Doctorate (PhD, EdD, DA, DBA, PsyD...) - 26%
- Academic Master's (MA, MS, MSED, MPH, MPA...) - 21%
- Professional Master's (MBA, MSW, MFA...) - 12%
- Law (e.g., JD, LLB, Paralegal...) - 5%
- Other degree (please specify) - 2%
- Education Specialist (EdS...) - 2%
- Health Professional (e.g., AuD, DDS, DNP, DVM,..) - 0%
- Medical degree (e.g., MD, DO...) - 0%

Total Respondents = 43
Sector of Current Employment

- Business (industry/manufacturing, commercial,...) 30%
- Elementary/secondary school (including cooperatives) 17%
- Professional firm (engineering, law, accounting) 14%
- College or university 14%
- Government (federal, state, local) 10%
- Health agency (hospital, clinic) 8%
- Other 3%
- Non-profit (non-government) 2%
- Self-employed or private practice 2%
- Military/Armed services 0%

Total Respondents = 298
Location of Current Employment

Total Respondents = 291

- 63% In Illinois
- 35% Outside of Illinois, in the United States
- 2% Outside of the United States
Post-Graduation Time to First Job
(asked approx. 18 month post-graduation)

Total Respondents = 254
Excludes those who held the same job while at NIU (N = 96) and those who had not yet secured employment (N = 10)

- 79% Have not secured a job yet
- 12% Less than 6 months
- 5% More than 6 months but less than 1 year
- 4% One year or more
Relatedness of NIU Graduate Degree to Current Job

- Closely related: 67%
- Related: 28%
- Unrelated, by choice: 4%
- Unrelated, NOT by choice: 2%

Total Respondents = 299
Satisfaction With Current Job

- Extremely satisfied: 51%
- Somewhat satisfied: 38%
- Neither dissatisfied nor satisfied: 5%
- Somewhat dissatisfied: 4%
- Extremely dissatisfied: 2%

Total Respondents = 295
Preparedness For Current Job

**Total Respondents** = 346

- **Strongly agree**: 47%
- **Somewhat agree**: 40%
- **Neither disagree nor agree**: 5%
- **Somewhat disagree**: 3%
- **Strongly disagree**: 4%
Alumni Satisfaction with NIU
Overall Satisfaction with NIU

"I would recommend NIU to a prospective student."
\( n = 275 \)

87% Agree
8% Neither disagree nor agree
5% Disagree

"I am satisfied with my overall experience as a graduate student at NIU."
\( n = 275 \)

91% Agree
4% Neither disagree nor agree
5% 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 = Somewhat Agree and Strongly Agree; Disagree = Somewhat Disagree, and Strongly Disagree

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

Agree = Somewhat Agree and Strongly Agree; Disagree = Somewhat Disagree, and Strongly Disagree
Satisfaction with NIU Degree

"I am satisfied with the academic advising I received at NIU."
   \[n = 248\]
   
   "I believe my graduate degree from NIU represents a good value for the investment I made."
   \[n = 281\]

"Overall, I am satisfied with the educational experiences I had within my graduate program at NIU."
   \[n = 281\]

"Considering my circumstances, I am satisfied with the amount of time it took me to complete my graduate degree program."
   \[n = 280\]
Alumni Internships While Attending NIU
Internships While Attending NIU

Number of Internships Completed

- None: 44%
- One: 4%
- Two: 9%
- Three: 4%
- More than three: 4%

Total Respondents = 284

Characteristics of Internships Completed

- Paid: 60.6%
- For credit: 60.0%
- Within your discipline: 64.8%

Total Respondents = 165
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