

Job Placement and Satisfaction of Graduates

Results from the [Future Destination Survey](#) administered at commencement has yielded a higher response to more accurately indicate the future plans of our graduates:

2015: 372 responses

Most likely activity after graduation:

- 75%-full-time employment
- 14%-part-time employment
- 18%-full-time graduate studies
- 8%-part-time graduate studies

2014: 314 responses

Most likely activity after graduation:

- 75%-full-time employment
- 16%-part-time employment
- 18%-full-time graduate studies
- 10%-part-time graduate studies

GRADUATION SURVEY 2013

Utilized Career Services= 52%

Engaged in experiential education= 61%

Types of experiential education these students participated in (Note: some students participated in more than one type of experiential education):

Job shadowing- 37%

Externship- 6%

Internship- 66%

Co-op- 21%

In major related position= 51%

In a career-entry position = 41%

Type of employment after graduation: Full-time- 50%

Part-time- 28%

Unemployed- 19%

Volunteer- 1%

Satisfaction with current position: very dissatisfied-17%

Dissatisfied-25%

Satisfied-34%

Very Satisfied-24%

Intending to attend grad school: Yes, accepted – 13%

Applied and awaiting response- 4%

Applied, but not accepted – 12%

Plan to in future – 50%

Believe degree / major prepared them for their current job= 64%

Involved in clubs= 32%

GRADUATION SURVEY 2014

Utilized Career Services = 41%

Engaged in experiential education = 83%

Type of experiential education these students participated in:

Job shadowing- 28%

Internship- 51%

Externship- 8%

Co-op- 13%

In major related position= 64%

In a career-entry position = 52%

Type of employment after graduation: Full-time- 53%

Part-Time-25%

Unemployed-19%

Volunteer Service-1%

Satisfaction with current position: Very dissatisfied- 19%

Dissatisfied- 27%

Satisfied-19%

Very satisfied- 34%

Intending to attend graduate school = 31% Yes, accepted= 13%

Applied and awaiting response= 9%

Applied, but accepted= 9%

Plan in the future= 45%

Feel their degree prepared for employment = 64%

Involved in clubs and organizations at Shepherd = 67%

SURVEY CONTENT

Beyond the basic personal information, the survey covers the following the questions:

- Degree information; date of graduation;
- Major and minor if applicable;
- What will your employment status be immediately after graduation? •Do you plan to attend Graduate/Professional School?
- If yes, where and in what field?
- What is your annual salary range?
- While at Shepherd, did you have a realistic expectation of your salary for your first year(s) after graduation?
- While at Shepherd, did you take out student loans to pay for your education? Amount?
- Did you consider your ability to repay those loans after graduation when determining how much to

borrow?

- What is your monthly repayment plan?
 - Are you familiar with the Office of Career Services at Shepherd?
 - Are you aware that the Office of Career Services provides services to Shepherd alumni?
 - Did you utilize any services offered by Shepherd's Office of Career Services?
 - What method(s) did you use/are you using to secure your first job after graduation?
 - Are you in a career-entry position?
 - Are you in a non-career entry position?
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- On a scale of 1 through 4, with 1 being very dissatisfied and 4 being very satisfied, how satisfied are you with your current career status?
 - Do you feel your degree/ major prepared you for your current job?
 - position require/prefer a college degree?
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- Is your current position related to your major field of study?
 - While at Shepherd, were you involved in any clubs/ orgs/ Greek Life/ athletics?
 - Are you familiar with the Office of Alumni Affairs at Shepherd?
 - Would you be interested in getting involved with the Office of Alumni Affairs?
 - Do you believe that having work experience is an important asset when it comes to searching for employment opportunities?
 - On a scale of 1 through 4, with 1 being not important and 4 being very important, how essential is having work experience when searching for employment opportunities?
- Did you engage in any type of experiential education (internship, co-op, externship or job shadowing) during the course of your academic career?

*Due to the confidentiality of information provided by graduates, a summary of the results are provided here.