Career Related Experiences

77% of the respondents reported having one or more internship or career related work experiences. Of students reporting internship experiences, the average number reported per student is three.

Approximately 40% of those experiences were taken for academic credit, as reported by the respondents. 61% of the reported career related work experiences were paid versus 39% that were unpaid.

By schools, those who reported taking at least one internship or career related experience:

- Arts: 62%
- Business: 78%
- Education: 81%
- Health Sciences: 83%
- Music: 71%
- Nursing: 85%
- Pharmacy: 97%
- Sciences: 70%

Graduate Study

16% of the respondents indicated that they would be attending graduate school within one year of graduation. 49% of the students will be attending Duquesne University. Additionally, the most frequently reported schools were:

- Carnegie Mellon University
- Chatham University
- Drexel University
- Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Temple University
- University of Michigan
- University of Pittsburgh
- West Virginia University

Degrees

- Masters: 56%
- Doctorate: 31%
- Other: 13%

Fields of Study

- Business: 19%
- Sciences: 15%
- Health: 11%
- Arts and Humanities: 10%
- Medical: 10%
- Law: 8%
- Education: 6%
- Human Services: 5%
- Other: 16%
About The Graduate Outcomes Survey

The Class of 2015 – 2016 Graduate Outcomes Survey consists of students who graduated in August 2015, December 2015 and May 2016. The online survey was conducted by the Duquesne University Career Services Center prior to graduation and concluded about three months after graduation. Email reminders were also sent at regular intervals to those who did not respond to the initial survey. 762 students completed the survey, which was 30% of the graduating class.

Where Are They Working?

- Pennsylvania: 77%
- Mid-Atlantic (MD, VA, WV, DE, DC): 7%
- South (NC, SC, KY, TN, GA, FL, AL, AR, LA, MS): 6%
- Midwest (OH, MO, KS, IA, MN, NE, MI, WI, IN, ND, SD, IL): 6%
- Northeast (ME, VT, NY, NH, CT, MA, NJ, RI): 3%
- Southwest (CO, AZ, TX, OK, NM): 2%
- West (CA, HI, WA, OR, AK, MT, ID, UT, NV, WY): 2%
- Outside the U.S.: 2%

Salary Information

Starting salary information was provided by 320 of the 428 respondents who indicated that they would be employed at graduation. 30 respondents indicated that they received a signing bonus, 27 of 30 respondents provided information.

- Average Salary: $60,502
- Median Salary: $51,750
- Average Signing Bonus: $5,778
- Median Signing Bonus: $5,000

Breakdown by Industry

- Pharmaceuticals/Biotechnology/Healthcare: 24%
- Educational Services: 15%
- Accounting/Finance and Insurance: 14%
- Government/Non-Profit: 8%
- Consumer Products/Retail: 4%
- Technology/Science: 3%
- Manufacturing: 3%
- Consulting Services: 2%
- Transportation: 2%
- Other: 25%

Top Employers

- Allgheny General Hospital
- Allegheny Health Network
- Amazon
- Becton Plant Machinery Inc.
- BNY Mellon
- Children's Hospital
- Cleveland Clinic
- CVS Health
- Deloitte
- Dick's Sporting Goods
- Duquesne University
- Ernst & Young
- Federated Investors
- Giant Eagle
- Highmark
- KPMG
- Mylan
- Penn State Hershey
- Medical Center
- Pittsburgh Public Schools
- PNC
- PPG
- PwC
- Rite Aid
- Schneider Downs
- Summa Technologies
- ThermoFisher Scientific
- United States Steel
- UPMC
- Walgreens
- Wesco Distribution

Relevance to Major

94% of the respondents indicated that this position was at least somewhat related to their majors.

By schools, the respondents who indicated that their position was at least somewhat related to their major:

- Arts: 87%
- Business: 96%
- Education: 96%
- Health Sciences: 92%
- Music: 90%
- Nursing: 100%
- Pharmacy: 97%
- Sciences: 75%

Employment Information

- 60% of all survey respondents reported that they would be employed full time upon graduation. Listed below you will see the list of the top organizations where our graduates are working. Additionally, you will see the breakdown by industry, job function, location of the positions, as well as salary information.