



The Center for Career Development

Graduate Outcomes Survey
Class of 2017-2018

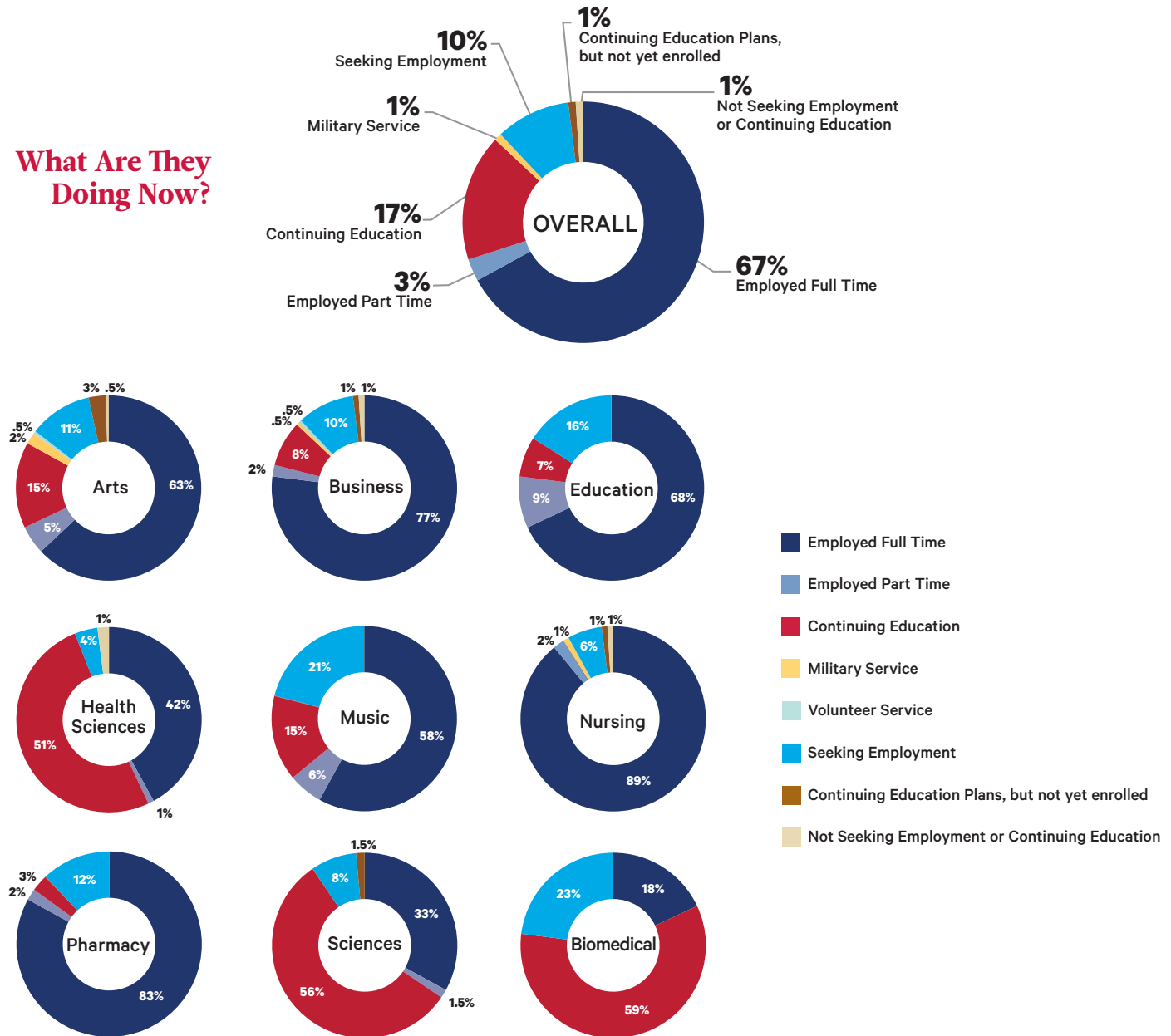


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About The Graduate Outcomes Survey

The Class of 2017 – 2018 Graduate Outcomes Survey consists of students who graduated in August 2017, December 2017 and May 2018. An online survey was conducted by the Duquesne University Center for Career Development prior to graduation and concluding about three months after graduation. Email reminders were also sent at regular intervals to those who did not respond to the initial survey. Additionally we secured data from Faculty and Department Chairs, as well as social media sources. **The result of these combined sources gave us a 67% Knowledge Rate of the graduating class.** A Knowledge Rate is defined by the National Association of Colleges and Employers as the percent of graduates for whom the institution has reasonable and verifiable information regarding a graduate's post-graduation status.

What Are They Doing Now?



Employment Information

67% 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.

Top Employers

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| ADP | Enterprise Holdings | PPG |
| Allegheny County | Ernst & Young | PwC |
| Allegheny Health Network | Federated Investors | Rite Aid |
| American Eagle Outfitters | FedEx | University of Pittsburgh |
| Bechtel Plant Machinery, Inc. | Giant Eagle | United States Steel |
| BNY Mellon | Health South | UPMC |
| Citizen's Bank | Highmark | Walgreens |
| Cleveland Clinic | KPMG | WESCO |
| CVS Health | Omniceil | Western Psychiatric |
| Delta Care Rx | Penn State Hershey | Institute & Clinic |
| Duquesne University | Medical Center | |
| Elite Transit Solutions | PNC | |

Breakdown by Industry

Pharmaceuticals/Biotechnology/Healthcare	36%
Accounting/Finance and Insurance	13%
Educational Services	11%
Consumer Products/Retail	8%
Government/Non-Profit	6%
Technology/Science	2%
Manufacturing	2%
Consulting Services	2%
Transportation	2%
Other	18%

Job Function

Health Care/Health Services	46%
Accounting/Finance	9%
Teaching/Education	8%
Information Systems/Technology	4%
Marketing/Sales	4%
Counseling/Human Services	3%
Management/Administration	2%
Communications/Advertising/ Public Relations	2%
Scientist	2%
Consulting	2%
Other	18%

Relevance to Major

97% of the respondents indicated that this position was at least somewhat related to their major.

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

Arts	88%
Business	95%
Education	97%
Health Sciences	100%
Music	86%
Nursing	99%
Pharmacy	100%
Sciences	96%
Biomedical Engineering	100%

Where Are They Working?

Pennsylvania	73%
Midwest (WI, MO, KS, IA, MN, NE, MI, OH, IN, ND, SD, IL)	6%
Northeast (ME, VT, NY, NH, CT, MA, NJ, RI)	6%
Mid-Atlantic (MD, VA, WV, DE, DC)	5%
South (NC, SC, KY, TN, GA, FL, AL, AR, LA, MS)	5%
Southwest (CO, AZ, TX, OK, NM)	2%
West (CA, HI, WA, OR, AK, MT, ID, UT, NV, WY)	2%
Outside the U.S.	1%

Salary Information

Starting salary information was provided by **434** of the **686** respondents who indicated that they would be employed full time at graduation. **53** respondents indicated that they received a signing bonus, **44** of **53** respondents provided information.

Average Salary	\$60,666
Median Salary	\$52,000

Average Signing Bonus	\$4,743
Median Signing Bonus	\$5,000

Average Salary by Schools

Arts	\$52,214
Business	\$53,692
Education	\$47,398
Health Sciences	\$59,718
Music	\$31,500
Nursing	\$57,509
Pharmacy	\$88,671
Sciences	\$53,803

How Our Graduates Secured Employment

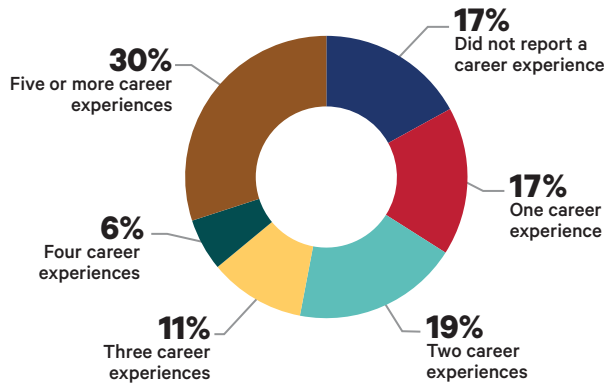
Networking (faculty, family, friends, etc.)	26%
Internet job listings	26%
Hired from internship	17%
DuqCareerLink (on-campus interviews or job listings)	9%
Job fairs	6%
Classifieds/job vacancy bulletins	3%
Other	13%

When The Position Was Accepted

Continuing with current employer	37%
Within three months before graduation	44%
Within three months after graduation	17%
More than three months after graduation	2%

Career Related Experiences

83% 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 **46%** of those experiences were taken for academic credit, as reported by the respondent.

57% of the reported career related work experiences were paid versus **43%** that were unpaid.

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

Arts	70%
Business	83%
Education	89%
Health Sciences	87%
Music	82%
Nursing	86%
Pharmacy	97%
Sciences	69%
Biomedical Engineering	100%

Top Internship Employers

ADP
 Allegheny County
 Allegheny Health Network
 Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh
 CVS
 Duquesne University
 Giant Eagle
 HealthSouth
 Highmark
 KPMG
 Pittsburgh Steelers
 PNC
 PwC
 Rite Aid
 UPMC

Graduate Study

18% of the respondents indicated that they would be attending graduate school within one year of graduation.

72% of the students will be attending Duquesne University. Additionally, the most frequently reported schools were:

George Washington University
 Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine
 University of Kentucky
 University of Pittsburgh
 West Virginia University

Degrees

Masters	74%
Doctorate	20%
Other	6%

Fields of Study

Health	45%
Sciences	15%
Law	10%
Business	8%
Arts and Humanities	5%
Medical	4%
Education	3%
Human Services	3%
Engineering	2%
Other	5%

