

# University of Northern Colorado

## 2014-2015 Graduate Alumni Survey Report

The 2014-2015 Graduate Alumni Survey was conducted from June through August 2016 by the Office of Assessment at the University of Northern Colorado. A sample of 733 graduate alumni who graduated in Summer 2014, Fall 2014, and Spring 2015 was asked to provide information about their employment status and pursuit of further graduate-level education. Of these 733 alumni, 310 responded to the survey for a 42% response rate.

### Placement & Research Questions - All Graduates

Overall placement rate within 12 months (full-time employment or full-time graduate education)	79%
Employed full-time (within 12 months)	75%
Employed full-time (since graduating)	80%
Average time to first full-time job (in months)	3.1
Employed in field related to major	93%
Employed in Colorado	63%
Feel their major prepared them to be successful in their work <sup>1</sup>	87%
Enrolled in graduate education: Full-time	7%
Enrolled in graduate education: Part-time	2%
Feel their major prepared them to be successful in graduate studies <sup>1</sup>	96%
Feel satisfied with their overall graduate education <sup>3</sup>	91%

#### Education & Behavioral Sci. (n=177)

Employed full-time (12 months)	79%
Employed full-time (since grad)	85%
Avg. time to first full-time job <sup>2</sup>	3.1
Enrolled in graduate program	10%

#### Natural & Health Sciences (n=90)

Employed full-time (12 months)	68%
Employed full-time (since grad)	76%
Avg. time to first full-time job <sup>2</sup>	3.9
Enrolled in graduate program	8%

#### Humanities & Social Sciences (n=17)

Employed full-time (12 months)	65%
Employed full-time (since grad)	65%
Avg. time to first full-time job <sup>2</sup>	2.6
Enrolled in graduate program	12%

#### Performing & Visual Arts (n=20)

Employed full-time (12 months)	70%
Employed full-time (since grad)	70%
Avg. time to first full-time job <sup>2</sup>	1.8
Enrolled in graduate program	5%

#### Monfort College of Business (n=6)

Employed full-time (12 months)	100%
Employed full-time (since grad)	100%
Avg. time to first full-time job <sup>2</sup>	0.0
Enrolled in graduate program	0%

<sup>1</sup> Options included: "Very Well," "Fairly Well," "Somewhat," or "Not at All". Percentage represents alumni who responded with "Very Well," or "Fairly Well."

<sup>2</sup> In months

<sup>3</sup> Options included: "Very Satisfied", "Satisfied", "Neutral", "Dissatisfied", or "Very Dissatisfied". Percentage represents alumni who responded with "Very Satisfied" or "Satisfied."



### Average Starting Salary

#### All Graduates

Education & Behavioral Sci.:	<b>\$45,810</b>
Humanities & Social Sci.:	<b>\$35,703</b>
Monfort College of Business:	<b>\$48,200</b>
Natural & Health Sci.:	<b>\$47,467</b>
Performing & Visual Arts:	<b>\$39,566</b>

### Graduate Degrees

Degrees pursued by graduate alumni responding to survey – full or part-time

#### Degree

Master's	4
Doctoral	14
Ed. Specialist	2
Professional	4
Certificate	1
Other	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>

# Employment

## Top Employers *(partial listing)*

All alumni who obtained employment after graduating

Aims Community College	Jefferson County Schools
Alyeska Therapy	LifeWay Christian Resources
All Health Network	Littleton Public Schools
Arabian Gulf University	Managed Business Solutions
Ascent Solar Technologies	Maryland School for the Deaf
Boise Public Schools	Miramont Lifestyle Fitness
Center School District	North Colorado Family Medicine
City of Paducah	North Range Behavioral Health
Crete Public Schools	Options Counseling Services
Denver Police Department	Peak Learning Solutions
Denver Public Schools	Portland State University
Eagle County Schools	Poudre School District
Eagle Ridge Institute	Public Defender's Office
East Grand School District	Recovery Village Palmer Lake
Evolve Treatment Center	Rocky Mountain Senior Care
Faspsych, LLC	Summitstone Health Partners
Frontier Charter Academy	U.S Department of Justice
Go for Determination	Weld County School Districts
Grounded Minds	Westminster Public Schools
Harrison School District	Windsor Audiology

## Average Starting Salaries\*\*

For top 20 programs – All alumni who obtained employment after graduating

Educational Studies-EDD	\$84,333
Nursing:Family Nurse Prac-MS	\$82,483
Educational Leadership-EDD	\$75,225
School Psychology-PHD	\$60,000
Audiology-AUD	\$55,425
Educational Psychology-MA	\$53,000
Educational Leadership-EDS	\$50,956
Counselor Ed & Supervision-PHD	\$49,750
Counseling Psychology-PHD	\$48,750
Speech-Language Pathology-MA	\$48,475
Accounting-MAcc	\$48,200
Thea Ed:Thea Educ Intensive-MA	\$47,000
School Counseling-MA	\$46,950
Mathematics:Teaching-MA	\$46,926
Criminal Justice-MA	\$46,867
SpecEd:Deaf/Hard of Hearing-MA	\$46,767
SpecEd:Generalist-MA	\$42,665
SPED:Intervent. Specialist-MA	\$42,133
Ed Psych:Teaching Apps-MA	\$40,981
SpecEd:Visual Impairment-MA	\$40,750

\*\*Low response rates within a cohort may mean that salaries may not be representative of typical field/industry starting salaries for each area of study.

# Graduate Education

## Graduate Program Areas of Study

Arts & Sciences	34.8%
Education	52.2%
Medical School	13.0%

## Schools Where Alumni Matriculated

*(partial listing)*

American Public University	Trinity University
Capella University	University of Chicago
Colorado State University	University of Colorado
Creighton University	University of Kentucky
Gannon University	University of North Texas
Grand Canyon University	University of Northern Colorado
North Dakota State University	Western Governors University



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