

University of Northern Colorado

2015-2016 Graduate Alumni Survey Report

The 2015-2016 Graduate Alumni Survey was conducted from May through June 2017 by the Office of Assessment at the University of Northern Colorado. A sample of 816 graduate alumni who graduated in Summer 2015, Fall 2015, and Spring 2016 was asked to provide information about their employment status and pursuit of further graduate-level education. Of these 816 alumni, 354 responded to the survey for a 43.3% response rate.

Placement & Research Questions - All Graduates

Overall placement rate within 12 months ¹	84%
Employed full-time (since graduating)	82%
Employed part-time (since graduating)	7%
Average time to employment (in months)	2.4
Employed in field related to major	97%
Employed in Colorado	71%
Feel their major prepared them to be successful in their work ²	89%
Enrolled in graduate education: Full-time	9%
Enrolled in graduate education: Part-time	3%
Feel their major prepared them to be successful in graduate studies ²	97%
Feel satisfied with their overall graduate education ³	88%

Education & Behavioral Sci. (n=216)

Placement rate (12 months) ¹	85%
Employed full-time (since grad)	87%
Avg. time to first full-time job	2.2
Enrolled in graduate program	8%

Humanities & Social Sciences (n=14)

Placement rate (12 months) ¹	71%
Employed full-time (since grad)	71%
Avg. time to first full-time job	7.8
Enrolled in graduate program	39%

Monfort College of Business (n=9)

Placement rate (12 months) ¹	100%
Employed full-time (since grad)	100%
Avg. time to first full-time job	0.9
Enrolled in graduate program	0%

Natural & Health Sciences (n=87)

Placement rate (12 months) ¹	89%
Employed full-time (since grad)	78%
Avg. time to first full-time job	2.8
Enrolled in graduate program	17%

Performing & Visual Arts (n=30)

Placement rate (12 months) ¹	70%
Employed full-time (since grad)	60%
Avg. time to first full-time job	1.1
Enrolled in graduate program	23%

Average Starting Salary

All Graduate Alumni	\$52,141
Education & Behavioral Sciences	\$48,668
Humanities & Social Sciences	\$49,013
Monfort College of Business	\$98,571
Natural & Health Sciences	\$55,381
Performing & Visual Arts	\$50,378

Graduate Degrees

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

Degree	
Master's	5
Doctoral	23
Ed. Specialist	1
Professional Certificate	2
Licensure	1
Endorsement	2
Other	1
Total	40

¹ Placement is defined as the percentage of alumni employed full or part-time, participating in a volunteer or service program, serving in the military, or enrolled in a continuing education program within 12 months of graduation.

² Options included: "Very Well," "Fairly Well," "Somewhat," or "Not at All." Percentage represents alumni who responded with "Very Well" or "Fairly Well."

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



Employment

Top Employers *(partial listing)*

All alumni who obtained employment after graduating

Academy School District 20
 Adams School District 12
 Aims Community College
 Aurora Public School District
 Boulder Valley School District
 Cherry Creek School District
 Colorado State University
 Denver Public School District
 Douglas County School District
 Greeley-Evans District 6
 Jefferson County School District
 North Range Behavioral Health
 Poudre Valley School District
 Roaring Fork School District
 Saint Vrain Valley School District
 Summit County School District
 Thompson School District
 University of Northern Colorado
 University Schools
 Weld County School District

Average Starting Salaries**

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

Nursing	\$83,960
Counseling Psychology - PhD	\$67,500
Theatre Education	\$64,250
Educational Leadership	\$62,156
History	\$61,250
Audiology	\$60,500
Accounting-MAcc	\$58,000
School Psychology	\$57,250
Music Education	\$51,884
Teaching ASL	\$49,750
Mathematics	\$49,075
Education Curriculum Studies	\$48,167
Special Education	\$48,129
Educational Psychology Teaching	\$47,500
Exercise Science	\$47,250
Art & Design - MA	\$44,333
Reading	\$43,500
Counseling (school, clinical, marriage)	\$43,466
Higher Ed & Student Affairs Leadership	\$40,757
Sports Administration	\$39,886

**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	35%
Education	57%
Medical School	8%

Schools Where Alumni Matriculated

(partial listing)

Boston University	University of Colorado Boulder
Colorado State University	University of Denver
Florida State University	University of Louisville
Kent State University	University of New Mexico
Michigan State University	University of North Florida
Pennsylvania State University	University of Northern Colorado
Texas Tech University	University of Oregon
University of Alberta	University of York



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