

# University of Northern Colorado

## 2015-2016 Undergraduate Alumni Survey Report

The 2015-2016 Undergraduate Alumni Survey was conducted from May through June 2017 by the Office of Assessment at the University of Northern Colorado. A sample of 1,861 Undergraduate Alumni who graduated in Summer 2015, Fall 2015, and Spring 2016 was asked to provide information about their employment status and pursuit of graduate-level education. Of these 1,861 alumni, 490 responded to the survey for a 26.3% response rate.

### Placement & Research Questions - All Undergraduates

Overall placement rate within 12 months <sup>1</sup>	82%
Employed full-time (since graduating)	69%
Employed part-time (since graduating)	8%
Average time to employment (in months)	4.5
Employed in field related to major	81%
Employed in Colorado	81%
Feel their major prepared them to be successful in their work <sup>2</sup>	75%
Enrolled in graduate education: Full-time	21%
Enrolled in graduate education: Part-time	5%
Feel their major prepared them to be successful in graduate studies <sup>2</sup>	86%
Feel satisfied with their overall undergraduate education <sup>3</sup>	89%

#### Education & Behavioral Sci. (n=121)

Placement rate (12 months)	77%
Employed full-time (since grad)	73%
Avg. time to first full-time job	3.7
Enrolled in graduate program	30%

#### Humanities & Social Sciences (n=113)

Placement rate (12 months)	84%
Employed full-time (since grad)	72%
Avg. time to first full-time job	5.3
Enrolled in graduate program	32%

#### Monfort College of Business (n=47)

Placement rate (12 months)	81%
Employed full-time (since grad)	70%
Avg. time to first full-time job	3.1
Enrolled in graduate program	12%

#### Natural & Health Sciences (n=161)

Placement rate (12 months)	84%
Employed full-time (since grad)	63%
Avg. time to first full-time job	4.3
Enrolled in graduate program	27%

#### Performing & Visual Arts (n=44)

Placement rate (12 months)	82%
Employed full-time (since grad)	68%
Avg. time to first full-time job	5.7
Enrolled in graduate program	15%

#### University College (n=2)

Placement rate (12 months)	100%
Employed full-time (since grad)	100%
Avg. time to first full-time job	9.0
Enrolled in graduate program	0%

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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

<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

<b>All Undergraduates</b>	<b>\$36,410</b>
Education & Behavioral Sciences	\$34,345
Humanities & Social Sciences	\$37,243
Monfort College of Business	\$42,023
Natural & Health Sciences	\$37,864
Performing & Visual Arts	\$28,070
University College	\$42,000

### Graduate Degrees

Degrees pursued by alumni

<b>Degree</b>	
Master's	101
Doctoral	5
Professional	6
Certificate	2
Licensure	2
Endorsement	1
Other	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>121</b>

# Employment

## Top Employers *(partial listing)*

All alumni who obtained employment after graduating

Adams School District 12  
Allied Universal  
Banner Health Clinic  
Centura Health  
Cherry Creek School District  
Children's Hospital Colorado  
Columbine Health Systems  
Denver Health Medical Center  
Denver Public School District  
Douglas County School District  
Greeley School District  
HCA  
JBS USA  
Jefferson County School District  
Northern Colorado Medical Center  
Poudre Valley School District  
Thompson School District  
UC Health Memorial Hospital  
University of Northern Colorado  
Weld County School District

## Average Starting Salaries\*\*

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

Social Science	\$64,580
Accounting	\$55,333
Nursing	\$52,793
Communication Studies	\$52,083
Business Administration - General	\$46,750
Finance	\$46,350
Mathematics	\$42,571
Nutrition	\$40,350
Sociology	\$40,326
Economics	\$37,500
Criminal Justice	\$36,742
Music Education	\$36,560
Geography	\$36,217
Psychology	\$34,754
Earth Sciences	\$34,700
Elementary Education	\$34,355
Early Childhood	\$34,091
Special Education	\$33,510
Marketing	\$32,840
Management	\$32,167

\*\*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 And Sciences	57%
Business	4%
Education	27%
Law School	5%
Medical School	8%

## Schools Where Alumni Matriculated *(partial listing)*

American Military University	Pacific University
Arizona State University	Purdue University
Boise State University	Quinnipiac University
Colorado College	Ryerson University
Colorado State University	San Diego State University
Colorado School of Public Health	University of Denver
Florida State University	University of Missouri
Michigan State University	University of Nebraska
Midwestern University	University of Northern Colorado
Ohio University	University of Wyoming



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