

VSA Future Plans Survey Spring 2014: Graduate Program Students

During late April and early May of 2014, the Office of Institutional Research of the West Chester University of Pennsylvania (WCU) conducted a survey of students who were graduating with a Master's degree in May 2014. The purpose of the survey was to assess their future plans. The survey consisted of the broad question: "What is most likely to be your principal activity upon graduation?", as well as, follow-up by questions depending on the graduates' response category. A total of 178 students responded to the online survey. This represents approximately 42.7% of the 417 students graduating. The findings of the survey are displayed below.

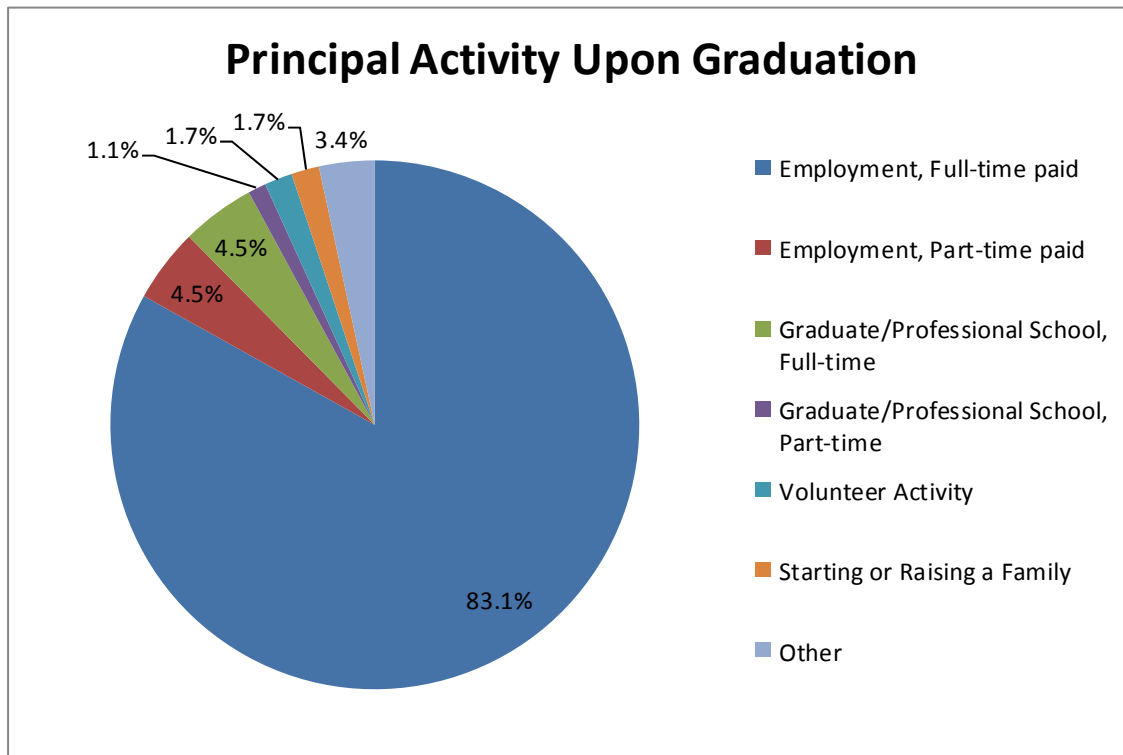


Table 1: Future Plans

Response Category	Spring 2014	
	#	%
Employment, Full-time paid	148	83.1
Employment, Part-time paid	8	4.5
Graduate/Professional School, Full-time	8	4.5
Graduate/Professional School, Part-time	2	1.1
Volunteer Activity	3	1.7
Starting or Raising a Family	3	1.7
Military Service	0	0.0
Other	6	3.4
TOTAL	178	100.0

For the 148 students who indicated employment, full-time as their primary plan after graduation, 78 indicated they had accepted a position or were continuing on in their current position. 72 students provided further information on their salary range. The responses to follow-up questions are provided in the tables below.

Table 2: Employment, Full Time As Primary Plan By Position Acceptance

Position Acceptance	Full-Time Employment	
	#	%
Accepted a Position	21	14.4
Not Yet Accepted a Position	68	46.6
Continuing Current Employment	57	39.0
TOTAL	146	100.0

Table 3: Employment, Full Time As Primary Plan By Salary Range

Salary Range	Accepted a position		Continuing current employment		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
<\$20,000	2	10.0	1	1.9	3	4.2
\$20,000 - \$29,999	2	10.0	5	9.6	7	9.7
\$30,000 - \$39,999	4	20.0	6	11.5	10	13.9
\$40,000 - \$49,999	8	40.0	12	23.1	20	27.8
\$50,000 - \$59,999	2	10.0	13	25.0	15	20.8
\$60,000 - \$69,999	1	5.0	5	9.6	6	8.3
\$70,000+	1	5.0	10	19.2	11	15.3
TOTAL	20	100.0	52	100.0	72	100.0

Responses pertaining to hiring organization and position can be found in Appendix A.

The survey contains a question pertaining to if the student completed either an internship, practicum, student teaching, field experience, etc. while at West Chester University. There were 30 students from the College of Arts and Sciences, 39 from the College of Business and Public Affairs, 32 from the College of Education, 15 from the College of Health Sciences, and 3 from the College of Visual and Performing Arts who completed either an internship, practicum, student teaching, or field experience. The results of this question, broken down by respondent's College is provided below.

Table 4: Internship Completion by College

Completed Internship, practicum, student teaching, field experience, etc.	College of Arts and Sciences		College of Business and Public Affairs		College of Education		College of Health Sciences		College of Visual and Performing Arts		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Yes	30	49.2	39	70.9	32	91.4	15	88.2	3	42.9	119	68.0
No	31	50.8	16	29.1	3	8.6	2	11.8	4	57.1	56	32.0
Total	61	100.0	55	100.0	35	100.0	17	100.0	7	100.0	175	100.0

There were 10 student who indicated that their primary plan after graduation was to attend graduate/professional school; of those 10 students, five provided details of the type of the degree they will be pursuing: 2 will be pursuing Master's and 3 will be pursuing Doctoral degrees.

APPENDIX A - EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Name of the Hiring Organization	Location of the Hiring Organization	Job Title	#	%
AAA Mid Atlantic	Wilmington DE	Marketing Data Analyst	1	1.41
Abington High School	Abington, PA	Teacher	1	1.41
AEMC	Philadelphia	RN	1	1.41
Ascensus	Dresher, PA	Reporting Specialist	1	1.41
Bank of America	Wilmington Delaware	Consumer Product Strategic Analyst III	1	1.41
Berks County Intermediate Unit	Reading, PA	Educational Interpreter	1	1.41
BHI	West Chester	Program Director	1	1.41
Boyertown Area School District	Boyertown, PA	Director of Orchestras	1	1.41
Brandywine Heights Area School District	Topton, PA	Middle School Band Director	1	1.41
Cen-Clear	Philipsburg, PA	Mental Health Counselor	1	1.41
Chichester Middle School	Boothwyn, PA	Music Teacher	1	1.41
Child Guidance Resource Center	Coatesville, Pa	Outpatient Therapist, Leas Counselor	1	1.41
Collegium Charter School	Exton PA	HS Math Teacher	1	1.41
Collegium Charter School	Exton, PA	Learning Support Teacher and Coordinator	1	1.41
Commonwealth of PA	Harrisburg, PA	Constituent Outreach Specialist	1	1.41
Community College of Philadelphia	Philadelphia, PA	Biology Aide	1	1.41
Conrad Weiser Area School District	Robesonia, PA	Math Teacher	1	1.41
Critical Path Services	Garnet Valley PA	Document Control Coordinator	1	1.41

Name of the Hiring Organization	Location of the Hiring Organization	Job Title	#	%
Delaware County	Upper Darby, PA	Service Coordinator	1	1.41
Delaware County Intermediate Unit	Morton, Pa	Math Teacher	1	1.41
Delaware county Juvenile Detention Center	Lima, PA	Detention Officer	1	1.41
Deloitte	Philadelphia, PA	BDM	1	1.41
Delta community inc	Glenside, PA	Adoption social worker	1	1.41
Depuy Synthes	West Chester, PA	Project Manager	1	1.41
Dunwoody Village	Newtown Square, PA	Health and Wellness Social Worker	1	1.41
Ellucian	Malvern, PA	Information Security Analyst Jr	1	1.41
Genesis Healthcare	Kennett Square, PA	Compliance Specialist	1	1.41
GIRO	Montreal, QC, Canada	Analyst-Programmer	1	1.41
GlaxoSmithKline	King of Prussia, PA	Scientist	1	1.41
Great Valley School District	Malvern, PA	English Teacher	1	1.41
HACC-Central Pennsylvania's Community College	Harrisburg PA	Admissions Recruiter	1	1.41
Haverford Township School District	Havertown, PA	Physical education teacher	1	1.41
HealhtEase	Wayne, PA	Site Fitness Specialist	1	1.41
Health Market Science	King of Prussia, PA	Data Scientist	1	1.41
JMA Services	West Chester, PA	Administrative Assistant	1	1.41
Kennett Consolidated School District	Kennett Square, PA	Teacher	1	1.41

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Lankenau Medical Center	Wynnewood, Pa	RN nurse manager	1	1.41
Main Line Health	Wynnewood PA	Manager, Clinical Research Center	1	1.41
Main Line Health System	Radnor, PA	Nurse Manager	1	1.41
Mercy health systems	Philadelphia, PA	Staff RN	1	1.41
North Penn School District	Lansdale, PA	Teacher	1	1.41
Owen J. Roberts Area School District	Pottstown, PA	Learning Support Teacher	1	1.41
Philadelphia Corporation for Aging	Philadelphia, PA	Service Coordinator I	1	1.41
Pottsgrove School District	Pottstown, PA	World Language Teacher; Dual Enrollment teacher of Spanish	1	1.41
Power Home Remodeling	Chester, PA	Remodeling Consultant	1	1.41
QVC, Inc.	West Chester, PA	Writer Producer	1	1.41
Reading Hospital and Medical Center	West Reading, PA	Social Worker	1	1.41
Resources for Human Development	Philadelphia PA	Assistant Program Manager	1	1.41
Ridley School District	Ridley, PA	Teacher (fourth grade)	1	1.41
Robert James Cleaning	Norristown, PA	Controller	1	1.41
School District of Philadelphia	Philadelphia, PA	Math teacher	1	1.41
Spectra Support Services, LLC	Broomall, PA	Therapist (Children, Adults, families)	1	1.41
State Farm Insurance Companies	Concordville, PA	Agency Recruiting Supervisor	1	1.41
Temple University	Philadelphia, PA	Manager Administration	1	1.41

Name of the Hiring Organization	Location of the Hiring Organization	Job Title	#	%
The Benecon group	Lancaster pa	Senior finance specialist	1	1.41
The school district of the city of York	York, PA	Teacher	1	1.41
The Steadman Clinic	Vail, Colorado	Athletic Training Fellow	1	1.41
The Timothy School	Berwyn, PA	Special Education Teacher	1	1.41
TW Ponessa & Associates	Exton, PA	TSS/MT/BSC	1	1.41
UGI Energy Services	Wyomissing PA	Senior Accountant	1	1.41
Union County School System	Monroe, NC	Music teacher	1	1.41
Unionville Chadds Ford School District	Kennett Square, PA	Special Education Teacher	1	1.41
University of Wisconsin Whitewater	Whitewater, Wisconsin	Coordinator of the intensive English institute	1	1.41
Ursuline Academy	Wilmington, DE	Teacher	1	1.41
Vanguard	Malvern, PA	Client Relationship Administrator	1	1.41
Volvo IT	Macungie, PA	Desktop Support Tech	1	1.41
Washington College	Chestertown MD	GIS Analyst II	1	1.41
West Chester Area School District	West Chester, PA	Teacher	1	1.41
West Chester Nazarene Christian School	West Chester, PA	Teacher	1	1.41
West Chester University	West Chester, PA	Transfer Credit Coordinator	1	1.41
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Total			71	100.0

APPENDIX B - Graduate School Information

Name of the Institution	Program of Study	#	%
George Washington University	Publishing	1	33.3
New York University (NYU)	Dentistry	1	33.3
Temple University	Educational Leadership	1	33.3
Total		3	100.0

APPENDIX C – Principal Activity by College

Principal Activity	College of Arts & Sciences		College of Business & Public Affairs		College of Education		College of Health Sciences		College of Visual & Performing Arts	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Employment, full-time paid	46	75.4	44	80.0	33	94.3	18	100.0	6	85.7
Employment, part-time paid	4	6.6	3	5.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	14.3
Graduate or professional school, full-time	5	8.2	3	5.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Graduate or professional school, part-time	2	3.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Volunteer activity	1	1.6	2	3.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Starting or raising a family	0	0.0	1	1.8	1	2.9	0	0.0	0	0.0
Military Service	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other	3	4.9	2	3.6	1	2.9	0	0.0	0	0.0
TOTAL	61	100.0	55	100.0	35	100.0	18	100.0	7	100.0