

TCNJ Class of 2008 Survey Excerpts

Post Graduation Activity Summary

Of the 1418 graduates of the Class of 2008, 52% (738) responded. Of those respondents, 705 (96%) of the graduates were employed and/or attending graduate/professional school within one year of graduation. (*Percentages are rounded to the nearest full point.*)

76% of the graduates were employed - 65% are employed in full time positions; 12% are employed in part time positions
20% of the graduates were unemployed, but attending graduate/professional school.
4% of the graduates were unemployed and not attending graduate/professional school.

Internship Participation

513 (70%) of the eligible respondents indicated they had participated in an internship or practicum experience during their undergraduate careers. They interned for an average of 2.43 semesters during their tenures at TCNJ.

TCNJ Career Preparation

47% of the respondents indicated that they had received career advice from their faculty or department. 87% indicated that they had used Career Services during their tenure. 92% indicated that they had either used Career Services or received career advice from faculty. 81% of the respondents indicated that their career preparation by TCNJ was above average or excellent.

Top 10 Employers - The Top Employers (based on number of TCNJ, Class of '08 graduates hired) were:

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| 1. Merrill Lynch (Bank of America) (12) | 3. Johnson & Johnson (5) |
| 2. Ernst & Young (6) | 7. Bernards Twp School District (4) |
| 3. AmeriCorps (5) | 7. East Windsor Regional School District (4) |
| 3. Hillsborough Twp School District (5) | 7. Montgomery Twp School District (4) |
| 3. Hospital of the University of PA (5) | 7. PricewaterhouseCoopers (4) |

Salary Information

The mean starting salary for graduates of the Class of '08 was **\$44,935** (from salary ranges); reflects a 3% increase in comparison with the Class of '07. Average salaries by School were:

	AMM	BU	CS	ED	EG	NU	SC
Average Salary	\$40,569	\$46,848	\$40,430	\$45,831	\$55,894	\$51,934	\$43,483

Comparing estimated salaries, males earn an average of \$2,167 (5%) per year more than females.

The following academic majors, with more than one graduate reporting, had the highest reported average salaries (number reporting):

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| 1. Computer Eng. (2) \$62,750 | 5. Mechanical Eng. (13) \$57,700 | 9. Eng Science (1) \$55,000 |
| 2. Computer Sci. (6) \$61,333 | 6. Nursing (40) \$57,012 | 10. Music Education (9) \$55,050 |
| 3. Civil Engineering (5) \$59,125 | 7. Electrical Eng. (5) \$55,833 | |
| 4. GeoTech Eng. (1) \$58,000 | 8. Accounting (23) \$55,361 | |

Graduate School Summary

42% of the Class of '08 indicated that they had applied for admission to graduate/professional school during their senior year. Of those that applied, 31% developed a contingency plan for if they were not successful in seeking admission.

33% of the graduates who responded to the survey were attending graduate/professional school; 20% indicated that though they were unemployed, they were attending graduate/ professional school. Through admissions data secured from the Student Loan Clearinghouse and surveys obtained by Career Services we were able to determine that 387 (27%) graduates of the total Class of 2008 attended graduate school within the year after graduation. 58% of graduates indicated they plan to attend graduate/professional school in the future. If all of the graduates who are attending or plan to attend complete their graduate/ professional school degree, 81% of the Class of 2008 will pursue further study.

The Top Graduate/Professional Schools (based on number of TCNJ, Class of '07 graduates attended) were:

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| 1. TCNJ (64) | 5. U of Penn (8) | 8. Villanova (5) |
| 2. UMDNJ (49) | 7. Montclair (6) | 12. Kean (4) |
| 3. Rutgers (33) | 8. NYU (5) | 12. Monmouth (4) |
| 4. Seton Hall (21) | 8. Penn State (5) | 12. William Paterson (4) |
| 5. Drexel (8) | 8. Thomas Jefferson (5) | |