

TCNJ Class of 2009 Survey Excerpts

Post Graduation Activity Summary

Of the 1469 graduates of the Class of 2009, 47% (691) responded. Of those respondents, 648 (94%) of the graduates were employed and/or attending graduate/professional school within one year of graduation. (*Percentages are rounded to the nearest full point.*)

79% of the graduates were employed - 58% are employed in full time positions; 20% are employed in part time positions.

17% of the graduates were both employed and attending graduate school.

14% of the graduates were unemployed, but attending graduate/professional school.

6% of the graduates were unemployed and not attending graduate/professional school - despite a 9.6% unemployment rate in the State of New Jersey as of July 2010.

Internship Participation

523 (76%) of the eligible respondents indicated they had participated in an internship or practicum experience during their undergraduate careers. They interned in an average of 2.49 experiences for an average of 2.69 semesters/summers over the course of their tenures at TCNJ.

TCNJ Career Preparation

75% of the respondents indicated that they had received career advice from their faculty or department – 57% had received post graduation career planning advice from faculty; 45% had received advice regarding internships; and, 42% received advice regarding pursuing graduate/professional school. 82% indicated that they had used Career Services during their tenure. 94% indicated that they had either used Career Services or received career advice from faculty. 76% 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 '09 graduates hired) were:

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| 1. Johnson & Johnson (9) | 4. Cooper University Hospital (3) |
| 2. Bank of America/Merrill Lynch (5) | 4. Lockheed Martin (3) |
| 3. PricewaterhouseCoopers (4) | 4. St. Peter's University Hospital (3) |
| 4. Bridgewater-Raritan Regional School District (3) | 4. University Medical Center at Princeton (3) |
| 4. Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (3) | 4. WithumSmith+Brown (3) |

Salary Information

The mean starting salary for graduates of the Class of '09 was **\$45,922** (from salary ranges); reflects a 2% increase in comparison with the Class of '08. Average salaries by School were:

	AMM	BU	CS	ED	EG	NU	SC
Average Salary	\$39,583	\$49,933	\$37,576	\$46,058	\$54,605	\$54,721	\$47,214

Comparing estimated salaries, males earn an average of \$4,170 (10%) per year more than females. This marks a 5% increase in comparison with the Class of 2008.

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

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| 1. BioMedical Eng. (2) \$65,000 | 5. Engineering Sci. (2) \$55,000 | 9. Mechanical Eng (8) \$50,625 |
| 2. Civil Engineering (5) \$60,500 | 5. Math/Stat (8) \$55,000 | 10. Bio Sec Ed (2) \$50,000 |
| 3. Nursing (24) \$57,708 | 7. El. Ed Math (7) \$51,900 | 10. Chem Sec Ed (2) \$50,000 |
| 4. Accounting (17) \$55,059 | 8. Finance (25) \$51,400 | 10. Physics Sec Ed (2) \$50,000 |

Graduate School Summary

38% of the Class of '09 indicated that they had applied for admission to graduate/professional school during their senior year. Of those that applied, 44% developed a contingency plan for if they were not successful in seeking admission.

31% of the graduates who responded to the survey were attending graduate/professional school; 14% 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 364 (25%) 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.

The Top Graduate/Professional Schools (based on number of TCNJ, Class of '09 graduates attended) were:

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| 1. TCNJ (60) | 5. Seton Hall (13) | 9. Stevens Inst. (5) | 10. Monmouth (4) |
| 2. Rutgers (38) | 6. NYU (10) | 10. Columbia (4) | 10. William Paterson (4) |
| 3. UMDNJ (19) | 7. Penn State (7) | 10. Drexel (4) | |
| 4. U of Penn (15) | 8. Thomas Jefferson (6) | 10. Johns Hopkins (4) | |