

*\* The Class of 2008 is the first graduating class of the newly formed School of Nursing, Health & Exercise Science. Due to the school realignment this data is incomparable with the data from previous classes.*

*\*\*All percentages are rounded to the nearest full point; therefore, they may not add to 100%.*

## **Class of 2008-School of Nursing, Health & Exercise Science**

A total of 142 School of Nursing, Health & Exercise Science graduates awarded baccalaureate degrees in August 2007, December 2007, and May 2008. 76 (54%) graduates responded to the survey. In an effort to increase the accuracy of our post-graduation activity data, Institutional Research provided additional graduate school attendance information secured through the Student Loan Clearinghouse, which resulted in our learning the post-graduation activities of an additional 11 (7%) graduates.

### **POST GRADUATION ACTIVITY**

#### **Graduate School Attendance**

A total of 18 (23%) of those who *responded* indicated that they attended graduate school immediately after graduation.

#### **Employment**

73 (96%) respondents indicated they were either working *and/or* attending graduate school in the first year after graduation.

A total of 63 (83%) graduates indicated they are employed. Their employment status is as follows:

57 (75%) indicated they were employed full time

6 ( 8%) indicated they were employed part time

8 (11%) indicated they were employed and in graduate school.

10 (13%) indicated they were unemployed, but were attending graduate school.

3 ( 4%) indicated they were both unemployed and not attending graduate school.

### **Average Salaries**

44 (77%) respondents who were employed full time provided salary information.

All salary information is calculated using the actual salary the respondent provided or the median of the salary range selected by the respondent. Respondents that indicated their salaries fell below \$19,999 or above \$69,999 and did not include a precise amount were excluded from the calculations.

The mean reported salary for the respondents that met the above criteria is \$51,934. Salaries ranged from a low of \$22,500 to a high of \$70,000. 11% of the School of Nursing, Health & Exercise Science respondents indicated they had salaries over \$70,000; however they did not indicate the amount, so they were not calculated in the average salaries. The salary ranges will be adjusted for the Class of 2009 to allow for a more accurate depiction of School of Nursing, Health & Exercise Science salaries.

### **Fields of Employment**

Students pursue occupations in a variety of career fields. 56 (74%) respondents that answered this item regarding employment fields are employed as follows: (Respondents were permitted to select multiple fields.)

14 (25%) in Education

31 (55%) in Nursing

10 (18%) Health/Non-Med

4 (7%) in Medicine

### **Time Span from Graduation to Employment**

55 (98%) of the 56 respondents to this item indicated they had secured employment within six months of graduation.

28 (50%) Nursing, Health & Exercise Science graduates secured employment prior to graduation.

48 (86%) respondents secured employment within the first three months after graduation.

53 (95%) respondents secured employment within the first six months after graduation.

55 (98%) respondents secured employment within 1 year of graduation.

## Number of Offers

Of the Nursing, Health & Exercise Science graduates employed who responded to this item, 16 (52%) received more than one job offer. The number of employment offers received ranged from 1 to 4, with respondents receiving a mean of 1.58 offers of employment per graduate.

## Job Satisfaction

Using a likert scale of 5 high to 1 low, Nursing, Health & Exercise Science graduates indicated the level of satisfaction they felt with their jobs. 43 (98%) of the respondents employed indicated an above average or high level of job satisfaction. The average satisfaction score for the respondents to this item was 4.39.

## Job Search Resources

Nursing, Health & Exercise Science graduates utilized a variety of resources to find their employment. Of the 49 (78%) of those employed who responded to this item, the most popular job search resources utilized by respondents were direct contact, continuing in the same job, and networking.

12 (24%) applied directly to the company	12 (24%) continued in the same job/internship
10 (20%) used Career Services and Monster	21 (43%) used networking
6 (12%) used the internet (other than Monster)	9 (18%) used other resources

## Relationship between Academic Major and Position Obtained

65 (86%) Nursing, Health & Exercise Science respondents indicated the relationship between their academic major and the position they obtained since graduation.

- 57 (88%) respondents indicated a direct relationship between their academic major and the position they obtained.
- 7 (11%) respondents indicated an indirect relationship between their academic major and the position they obtained.
- 2 ( 5%) respondents indicated there was no relationship between their academic major and the position they obtained.

## Internship Participation

72 (93%) of Nursing, Health & Exercise Science majors who responded to the survey indicated participation in internships for an average of 2.51 semesters. Nursing, Health & Exercise Science students participate in assigned required internship/practicum experiences.

## Usage of Career Services

50 (82%) respondents indicated they had utilized Career Services during their academic careers. Using a likert scale of 5 high to 1 low, graduates who utilized Career Services were asked to rate the service provided. The average rating was 4.06.

33 (54%) respondents reported utilizing TCNJ recruitment programs (i.e., internship programs and resources, job listings/binders, on-campus recruitment and Career Days). \*Both percentages may have included the Nursing Career Fair, sponsored by the Student Nursing Association with the assistance of Career Services, in their usage of Career Services.

## Receipt of Career Advice

When asked if they had received career advice from faculty in their department or program, 36 (59%) respondents indicated they had. 57 (93%) of the respondents indicated they had either received career advice from their faculty or had used Career Services.

## TCNJ's Preparation for Students' Career Goals

Nursing, Health & Exercise Science graduates rated how TCNJ prepared them for their current position utilizing a five-point scale (i.e., excellent to poor). Of the 61 (80%) respondents, 49 (80%) rated their preparation as excellent or above average.

19 (31%) excellent	10 (16%) average	0 (0%) poor
30 (49%) above average	2 ( 3%) below average	

