

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

Class of 2009-School of Nursing, Health & Exercise Science

A total of 155 School of Nursing, Health & Exercise Science graduates awarded baccalaureate degrees in August 2008, December 2008, and May 2009. 57 (37%) 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 12 (8%) graduates.

POST GRADUATION ACTIVITY

Further Study

A total of 11 (19%) of those who *responded* indicated that they attended graduate school immediately after graduation. However, through use of the Admissions Clearinghouse we learned that 23 (15%) of the entire class (respondents and non-respondents) enrolled in further study.

Employment

56 (98%) respondents indicated they were either working *and/or* attending graduate school in the first year after graduation.

A total of 50 (88%) graduates indicated they are employed. Their employment status is as follows:

43 (75%) indicated they were employed full time

5 (9%) indicated they were employed part time

2 (4%) indicated they were employed but did not indicate full or part time.

5 (9%) indicated they were employed and in graduate school.

6 (11%) indicated they were unemployed, but were attending graduate school.

1 (2%) indicated they were both unemployed and not attending graduate school.

Average Salaries

30 (70%) 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 \$80,000 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 \$54,721. This reflects a 5% increase in comparison with the Class of 2008. Salaries ranged from a low of \$22,500 to a high of \$77,500.

Fields of Employment

Students pursue occupations in a variety of career fields. 39 (80%) respondents that answered this item regarding employment fields are employed as follows:

10 (26%) in Education

26 (67%) in Nursing

1 (3%) in other fields

Time Span from Graduation to Employment

5 (13%) Nursing, Health & Exercise Science graduates secured employment prior to graduation.

19 (49%) respondents secured employment within the first three months after graduation.

30 (77%) respondents secured employment within the first six months after graduation.

37 (95%) respondents secured employment within 1 year of graduation.

Number of Offers

Of the Nursing, Health & Exercise Science graduates employed who responded to this item, 10 (23%) of the 43 respondents employed full time received more than one job offer. The number of employment offers received ranged from 1 to 3, with respondents receiving a mean of 1.28 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. 31 (89%) 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 4.20.

Relationship between Academic Major and Position Obtained

51 (89%) respondents indicated a direct relationship between their academic major and the position they obtained.

3 (5%) respondents indicated an indirect relationship between their academic major and the position they obtained.

2 (4%) respondents indicated there was no relationship between their academic major and the position they obtained.

Internship/Clinical Participation

55 (96%) of Nursing, Health & Exercise Science majors who responded to the survey indicated they participated in an average of 3.77 internship experiences over an average of 3.37 semesters. Nursing majors typically have multiple clinical assignments in a single semester. Nursing, Health & Exercise Science students participate in assigned required internship/practicum experiences.

Usage of Career Services

38 (67%) 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 3.89.

22 (39%) 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 Advice from Faculty

When asked if they had received advice from faculty in their department or program, 53 (93%) respondents indicated they had.

35 (61%) indicated they received advice regarding post graduation career plans.

34 (60%) indicated they received advice regarding clinical or internships.

24 (42%) indicated they received advice regarding graduate and professional school.

53 (93%) 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 55 (96%) respondents, 48 (87%) rated their preparation as excellent or above average. This reflects a 7 percentage point increase in comparison with the Class of 2008. The average rating was 4.25

22 (40%) excellent

6 (11%) average

0 (0%) poor

26 (47%) above average

1 (2%) below average

Quality of Academic Experience

Nursing, Health & Exercise Science graduates assessed the overall quality of their academic experience. Of the 57 (100%) respondents, 47 (82%) assessed their academic experience as excellent or above average. This reflects a 10 percentage point decrease in comparison with the Class of 2008. The average rating was 4.30

27 (47%) excellent

10 (18%) average

0 (0%) poor

20 (35%) above average

0 (0%) below average

GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL

Current Graduate/Professional School Attendance

13 (23%) of respondents indicated that they applied for graduate/professional school in the first year after graduation. This reflects a 10 percentage point decrease in comparison with the Class of 2008. 5 (38%) of those that applied had a contingency plan for if they were not admitted to graduate school. This reflects an 18 percentage point increase in comparison with the Class of 2008. Of those that applied 85% enrolled in further study.

Of the survey respondents direct reporting of graduate school attendance, 11 (19%) of survey respondents are currently enrolled in graduate/professional school. Through the combination of the clearinghouse and self reporting, we identified that a total of 23 (15%) attended graduate/professional school after graduation.

Areas of Current & Intended Study

Nursing, Health & Exercise Science graduates who indicated they are attending (11 or 100%) or plan to attend (37 or 65%) further study indicated they will pursue the following fields (number and percent of total respondents to item).

Field of Study	Those who currently attend		Those who plan to attend		Field of Study	Those who currently attend		Those who plan to attend	
Education	2	14%	5	14%	Nursing	3	21%	24	67%
Engineering	0	0%	0	0%	Scientific	1	7%	2	6%
Health Related	6	43%	4	11%	Other	0	0%	1	3%
Medicine	2	14%	1	3%					

Future Plans for Graduate Study

37 (65%) Nursing, Health & Exercise Science graduates plan to attend graduate/professional school in the future. 36 (97%) graduates indicated the timing of their future attendance in graduate school:

- 11 (31%) respondents plan to attend within the first 2 years after graduation.
- 31 (86%) respondents plan to attend within 4 years after graduation.
- 35 (97%) respondents plan to attend within 6 years after graduation.

Current Degrees and Highest Degree Level Sought

11 (100%) of those currently attending responded to the degree level they are pursuing. In addition, 53 (93%) respondents provided information on the highest degree level they intended to pursue. Of those intending to pursue advanced degrees:

Degree Level	Currently Pursuing		Highest Degree Planned	
Bachelors	0	0%	28	53%
Masters	8	73%	12	23%
Specialist	0	0%	4	8%
Doctorate	2	18%	4	8%
Professional	1	9%	5	9%