

TCNJ Class of 2010 Survey Excerpts

Post Graduation Activity Summary

A total of 1444 graduates were awarded baccalaureate degrees in August 2009, December 2009, and May 2010. 545 (38%) graduates responded to the survey. In an effort to respond to declining response rates, the Career Center incorporated data obtained through immediate response surveys from the School of Business, the School of Engineering and the Center for Institutional Effectiveness, as well as data from the Admissions Clearinghouse. Incorporating these data sources, data was obtained on a total of 843 (58%) graduates.

606 (95%) of those on whom we gathered information (excluding clearinghouse only data) indicated they were either working *and/or* attending graduate school in the first year after graduation. This marks a 1 percentage point decrease in unemployment in comparison with the Class of 2009. 31 (5%) of those surveyed indicated that they were unemployed and not attending graduate school (truly unemployed). This is 4.4 percentage points lower than the New Jersey unemployment rate of 9.4% as of July 2011. Additionally, only 28 (4%) indicated that they were unemployed, not attending graduate school and seeking employment.

Internship Participation

451 (82%) of the eligible respondents indicated they had participated in an internship or practicum experience during their undergraduate careers. They interned in an average of 2.66 experiences for an average of 2.79 semesters/summers.

TCNJ Career Preparation & Graduate Expectations

99% indicated that they had either used the Career Center or received career advice from faculty. 77% of the respondents indicated that their career preparation by TCNJ was above average or excellent. 72% of the respondents indicated that they had received career advice from their faculty or department – 52% had received post graduation career planning advice from faculty; 45% had received advice regarding internships; and, 39% received advice regarding pursuing graduate/professional school. 98% indicated that they had used Career Services during their tenure.

Of the 295 (85%) respondents to the questions 218 (74%) indicated that their expectations were met on both issues.

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

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| 1. PricewaterhouseCoopers (10) | 5. Johnson & Johnson (4) | 9. The College of New Jersey (3) |
| 2. Bank of America/Merrill Lynch (9) | 5. KPMG (4) | 9. US Army (3) |
| 3. Deloitte (8) | 5. Scotch Plains-Fanwood Schools (4) | |
| 4. Ernst & Young (7) | 5. WithumSmith+Brown (4) | |

Salary Information

The mean starting salary for graduates of the Class of '10 was **\$45,999** (from salary ranges). Average salaries by school were:

	Art & Communications	Business	HSS	Education	Engineering	NU HES	Science
Average Salary	\$40,938	\$49,294	\$40,212	\$43,167	\$51,328	\$52,300	\$44,214

Comparing estimated salaries, males earn an average of \$4,606 (10%) per year more than females. This is consistent with the Class of 2009 but 5 percentage points higher than the Class of 2008 – the impact of the current economy appears to be more significant for our female graduates than for our male graduates.

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

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| 1. Computer Eng. (3) \$62,500 | 5. Accounting (26) \$53,462 | 9. Biology (3) \$49,167 |
| 2. Nursing (16) \$59,688 | 6. Ed of Dev Handicap (2) \$52,500 | 10. Computer Sci (5) \$48,500 |
| 3. Mech Eng (7) \$58,214 | 7. Gen Business (28) \$51,161 | 10. Tech Ed (5) \$48,500 |
| 4. Civil Eng (3) \$57,500 | 8. Spanish (3) \$50,833 | |

Graduate School Summary

42% of the Class of '10 indicated that they had applied for admission to graduate/professional school during their senior year. Of those that applied, 50% developed a contingency plan for if they were not successful in seeking admission.

28% of the graduates who responded to the survey were attending graduate/professional school.

Through admissions data secured from the Student Loan Clearinghouse and surveys obtained by Career Center we were able to determine that 401 (28%) graduates of the total Class of 2010 attended graduate school within the year after graduation. 56% 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 '10 graduates attended) were:

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| 1. TCNJ (61) | 4. Seton Hall (13) | 6. Montclair (6) | 10. Columbia (5) |
| 2. UMDNJ (54) | 5. Drexel (12) | 6. NYU (6) | |
| 3. Rutgers (40) | 6. Monmouth (6) | 6. U of Penn (6) | |