

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

Class of 2012-School of Nursing, Health & Exercise Science

A total of 112 School of Nursing, Health & Exercise Science graduates awarded baccalaureate degrees in August 2011, December 2011, and May 2012. 46 (41%) graduates responded to the surveys administered by the Career Center and the Center for Institutional Effectiveness. The Admissions Clearinghouse identified an additional 13 members of the class that attended graduate or professional school in their first year after graduation.

POST GRADUATION ACTIVITY

Further Study

A total of 18 (39%) of those who *responded* indicated that they attended graduate school immediately after graduation.

Employment

A total of 37 (80%) graduates indicated they are employed. Their employment status is as follows:

- 28 (61%) indicated they were employed full time
- 9 (20%) indicated they were employed part time
- 11 (24%) indicated they were employed and in graduate school.
- 7 (15%) indicated they were unemployed, but were attending graduate school.
- 0 (0%) indicated they were both unemployed and not attending graduate school.

Average Salaries

27 (96%) 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 \$52,692.

Fields of Employment

Students pursue occupations in a variety of career fields. 27 (98%) respondents that answered this item regarding employment fields are employed as follows:

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| 1 (4%) in Education | 21 (78%) in Nursing |
| 4 (15%) in Allied Health | 4 (15%) in other fields |

Time Span from Graduation to Employment

- 6 (22%) Nursing, Health & Exercise Science graduates secured employment prior to graduation.
- 13 (48%) respondents secured employment within the first three months after graduation.
- 17 (63%) respondents secured employment within the first six months after graduation.
- 26 (96%) respondents secured employment within 1 year of graduation.

Job Offers

Of the Nursing, Health & Exercise Science graduates employed who responded to this item, 12 (43%) of the 28 respondents employed full time received more than one job offer. The number of employment offers received ranged from 1 to 5, with respondents receiving a mean of 1.54 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 positions. 22 (79%) 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 4.31.

Current Employment's Ability to Meet Expectations

26 (70%) respondents indicated working in their expected field
23 (62%) respondents indicated working in their expected position type

Relationship between Academic Major and Position Obtained

36 (78%) respondents indicated a direct relationship between their academic major and the position they obtained.
4 (9%) respondents indicated an indirect relationship between their academic major and the position they obtained.
1 (2%) respondents indicated there was no relationship between their academic major and the position they obtained.

Internship/Clinical Participation

40 (87%) of Nursing, Health & Exercise Science majors who responded to the survey indicated they participated in an average of 3.69 internship experiences over an average of 3.5 semesters. Nursing majors typically have multiple clinical assignments in a single semester. Typically, Nursing, Health & Exercise Science students participate in an average of 7 required internship/practicum experiences. This year's Nursing students reported a range of 1 to 9 experiences.

Usage of The Career Center

36 (78%) 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 3.68.
26 (44%) respondents reported utilizing TCNJ recruitment programs (i.e., internship programs and resources, job listings, 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 The Career Center.

Receipt of Advice from Faculty

When asked if they had received advice from faculty in their department or program respondents indicated they had.

22 (59%) indicated they received advice regarding post graduation career plans.
22 (59%) indicated they received advice regarding clinical or internships.
16 (43%) indicated they received advice regarding graduate and professional school.
6 (16%) indicated they received advice but did not indicated the topic.

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 40 (68%) respondents, 33 (83%) rated their preparation as excellent or above average. The average rating was 4.15.

14 (35%) excellent	15 (15%) average	0 (0%) poor
19 (48%) above average	1 (3%) below average	

Quality of Academic Experience

Nursing, Health & Exercise Science graduates assessed the overall quality of their academic experience. Of the 39 (66%) respondents, 38 (97%) assessed their academic experience as excellent or above average. The average rating was 4.51.

21 (57%) excellent	1 (3%) average	0 (0%) poor
17 (44%) above average	0 (0%) below average	

GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL

Current Graduate/Professional School Attendance

34 (53%) of respondents indicated that they applied for graduate/professional school in the first year after graduation. Of those that applied, 22 (37%) students enrolled in further study.

Future Plans for Graduate Study

34 (74%) Nursing, Health & Exercise Science graduates plan to attend graduate/professional school in the future. 27 (46%) graduates indicated the timing of their future attendance in graduate school:

13 (48%) respondents plan to attend within the first 2 years after graduation.

23 (85%) respondents plan to attend within 4 years after graduation.

27 (100%) respondents plan to attend within 6 years after graduation.

Current Degrees and Highest Degree Level Sought

9 (41%) of those currently attending responded to the degree level they are pursuing. In addition, 43 (73%) 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	1	11%	1	2%
Masters	2	22%	19	44%
Specialist	0	0%	1	2%
Doctorate	3	33%	15	35%
Professional	3	33%	7	16%

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Salaries

**Salaries – School of Nursing, Health & Exercise Science
Class of 2012**

<u>Major Field of Study</u>	<u>Average Salary</u>
Health and Exercise Science	\$22,500
Health and Exercise Science Teaching	\$42,500
Nursing	\$62,023

Mean – \$52,692

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EMPLOYMENT

**Job Titles & Employers - School of Nursing, Health and Exercise Science
Class of 2012**

<u>Major Field of Study</u>	<u>Full Time Job Titles</u>	<u>Full Time Employer</u>
Health and Exercise Science	Physical Therapy Aide	Princeton Orthopedic Associates
Health and Exercise Science	Performance Wellness Coach & Social Media Coordinator	SOURCE Institute for Human Performance
Health and Exercise Science	Physical Therapy Aide	AMW
Health and Exercise Science	Physical Therapy Aide	ProCare Physical Therapy
Health and Exercise Science	Certified Strength & Conditioning Specialist	Phoenix Fitness Personal Training
	Health and Exercise Science	5
HES Teaching	Teacher	Fair Haven SD
	HES Teaching	1
Nursing	Registered Nurse	North Shore LIJ – Huntington Hosp.
Nursing	Registered Nurse	Christiana Health System
Nursing	Registered Nurse	Jersey Shore Medical Center
Nursing	Registered Nurse (Emergency Dept)	St. Peter’s University Hospital
Nursing	Registered Nurse	St. Peter’s University Hospital
Nursing	Registered Nurse	Kessler Acute Rehabilitation
Nursing	Registered Nurse	Cooper University Hospital
Nursing	Registered Nurse	University Medical Center of Princeton
Nursing	Nurse	Yale New Haven Hospital
Nursing	Registered Nurse (Labor & Delivery)	St. Peter’s University Hospital
Nursing	Registered Nurse	New York Presbyterian – Columbia
Nursing	Clinical Nurse I	The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
Nursing	Registered Nurse	St. Joseph’s Regional Medical Center
Nursing	Registered Nurse	Cooper University Hospital
Nursing	Registered Nurse	The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
Nursing	Registered Nurse	Thomas Jefferson University Hospital
Nursing	Registered Nurse	St. Clare’s Health System
Nursing	Registered Nurse	Aventura Hospital
Nursing	Registered Nurse	University Medical Center of Princeton
Nursing	Registered Nurse	Central State Medical Center
Nursing	Registered Nurse	Overlook Medical Center
	Nursing	21

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GRADUATE/ PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS

Graduate Schools and Programs of Study
School of Nursing, Health and Exercise Science
Class of 2012

Major Field of Study	Program of Study	Current Graduate School
Health and Exercise Science	Physical Therapy	Thomas Jefferson University
Health and Exercise Science	Nursing	Johns Hopkins University
Health and Exercise Science	Chiropractics	Life University of College Chiropractics
Health and Exercise Science	Occupational Therapy	Temple University
Health and Exercise Science	Nutrition Communications	Tufts University
Health and Exercise Science	Physical Therapy	Columbia University
Health and Exercise Science	Physical Therapy	Widener University
Health and Exercise Science	Physical Therapy	UMDNJ
Health and Exercise Science	Foot and Ankle Surgeon	Temple University
Health and Exercise Science	D.O.	UMDNJ
Health and Exercise Science		UMDNJ
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Health and Exercise Science		UMDNJ
Health and Exercise Science		UMDNJ
Health and Exercise Science		UMDNJ
Health and Exercise Science		New York Chiropractic College
Health and Exercise Science		Mercy College
Health and Exercise Science		George Washington University
Health and Exercise Science		UMDNJ
Health and Exercise Science		UMDNJ
Health and Exercise Science		University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill
Health and Exercise Science		CUNY – College of S.I.
Health and Exercise Science		UMDNJ