

VSA Future Plans Undergraduate Survey December 2013

In December 2013, the Office of Institutional Research of the West Chester University of Pennsylvania (WCU) conducted a survey of undergraduate senior students who were graduating in December 2013. The purpose of the survey was to assess their future plans. The survey consisted of the broad question: *“What is most likely to be your principal activity upon graduation?”*, as well as, follow-up by questions depending on the graduates’ response category. A total of 233 students responded to the online survey. This represents approximately 25.2% of the 925 students graduating. The findings of the survey are displayed below.

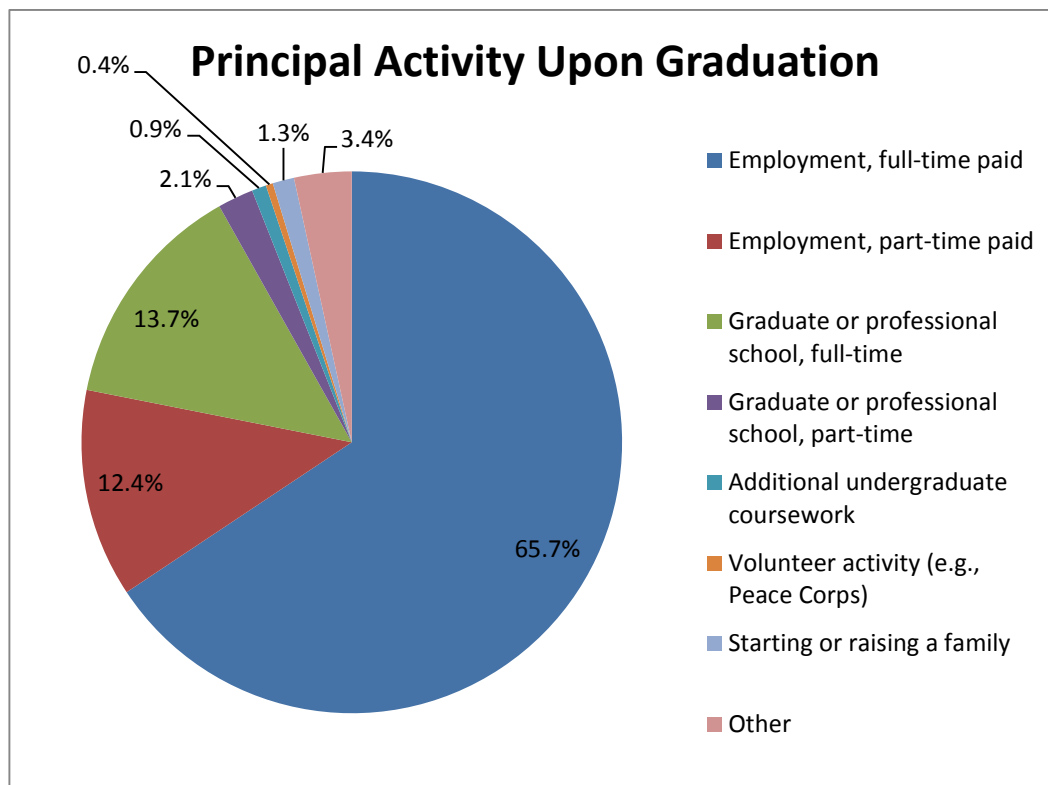


Table 1: Future Plans

Response Category	Fall 2013		Spring 2012		Spring 2011		Spring 2010	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Employment, Full-time paid	153	65.7	280	67.6	601	65.2	669	65.6
Employment, Part-time paid	29	12.4	38	9.2	93	10.1	80	7.8
Graduate/Professional School, Full-time	32	13.7	62	15.0	156	16.9	184	18.0
Graduate/Professional School, Part-time	5	2.1	14	3.4	28	3.0	29	2.8
Additional Undergraduate Coursework	2	0.9	3	0.7	7	0.8	12	1.2
Military Service	0	0.0	1	0.2	3	0.3	5	0.5
Volunteer Activity	1	0.4	5	1.2	5	0.5	6	0.6
Starting or Raising a Family	3	1.3	0	0.0	7	0.8	3	0.3
Other	8	3.4	11	2.7	22	2.4	32	3.1
TOTAL	233	100.0	414	100.0	922	100.0	1020	100.0

For the 153 students who indicated employment, full-time as their primary plan after graduation, 50 indicated either they had accepted a position or were continuing on in their current position. 49 provided further information on their salary range. The responses to follow-up questions are provided in the tables below.

Table 2: Employment, Full Time As Primary Plan By Position Acceptance

Position Acceptance	Full-Time Employment	
	#	%
Accepted a Position	30	19.6
Not Yet Accepted a Position	103	67.3
Continuing Current Employment	20	13.1
TOTAL	153	100.0

Table 3: Employment, Full Time As Primary Plan By Salary Range

Salary Range	Accepted a position		Continuing current employment		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
<\$20,000	0	0.0	3	15.8	3	6.1
\$20,000 - \$29,999	5	16.7	8	42.1	13	26.5
\$30,000 - \$39,999	6	20.0	1	5.3	7	14.3
\$40,000 - \$49,999	6	20.0	2	10.5	8	16.3
\$50,000 - \$59,999	6	20.0	1	5.3	7	14.3
\$60,000 - \$69,999	3	10.0	1	5.3	4	8.2
\$70,000+	4	13.3	3	15.8	7	14.3
TOTAL	30	100.0	19	100.0	49	100.0

Responses pertaining to hiring organization and position can be found in Appendix A.

There were 37 students who indicated that their primary plan after graduation was to attend graduate school; 36 of those provided details as to if they were accepted into a Graduate program.

Table 4: Graduate School As Primary Plan By Graduate School Acceptance

Graduate School Acceptance	Full-Time Grad School		Part-Time Grad School		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Accepted into a Program	13	41.9	0	0.0	13	36.1
Not Yet Accepted into a Program	18	58.1	5	100.0	23	63.9
TOTAL	31	100.0	5	100.00	36	100.00

Responses pertaining to Graduate or professional school degree/certification to be sought can be found in Appendix B.

The survey also contains a question pertaining to if the student completed either an internship or practicum or student teaching or field experience etc. while at West Chester University.

There were 50 student responses from the College of Arts and Sciences, 41 from the College of Business and Public Affairs, 46 from the College of Education, 20 from the College of Health Sciences, and 4 from the College of Visual and Performing Arts indicating the completion of either an internship or practicum or student teaching or field experience etc. while at West Chester University. The results of this question, broken down by respondent's College is provided below.

Table 5: Internship Completion by College

Completed Internship, practicum, student teaching, field experience, etc.	College of Arts and Sciences		College of Business and Public Affairs		College of Education		College of Health Sciences		College of Visual and Performing Arts		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Yes	50	49.5	41	78.8	46	100.0	20	74.1	4	80.0	161	69.7
No	51	50.0	11	21.2	0	0.0	7	25.9	1	20.0	70	30.3
Total	101	100.0	52	100.0	46	100.0	27	100.0	5	100.0	231	100.0

APPENDIX A

Employment Information

Name of the Hiring Organization	Location of the Hiring Organization	Job Title	#	%
A&A Machinery Moving inc.	Morrisville, PA	Machinery Mover	1	2.0%
Aramark	West Chester, PA	Server	1	2.0%
Axa-Zar	Reminderville, OH	Quality Representative	1	2.0%
BBD, LLP	Philadelphia, PA	Staff Accountant	1	2.0%
Beneficial Bank	Eddystone, PA	Teller	1	2.0%
BJ's Wholesale Club	Downingtown, PA	Deli Associate	1	2.0%
Coatesville Area School District	Coatesville, PA	Secondary Mathematics Teacher	1	2.0%
Community Interactions	Swarthmore, PA	Social Worker	1	2.0%
Day & Zimmermann	Philadelphia, PA	IT Security Administrator, I	1	2.0%
Devereux	West Chester, PA	Direct Support Professional	1	2.0%
Ernst & Young LLP	Philadelphia, PA	Junior Audit Accountant	1	2.0%
ESF Inc.	Bryn Mawr, PA	Leadership Apprentice	1	2.0%
Fisher & Son	Exton, PA	Dispatcher	1	2.0%
Freedom Wireless	Exton, PA	Regional Sales Manager	1	2.0%
Govberg Jewelers	Philadelphia, PA	Buyer	1	2.0%

Name of the Hiring Organization	Location of the Hiring Organization	Job Title	#	%
Haverford Township	Havertown, PA	Security	1	2.0%
ING	West Chester, PA	Actuarial Associate	1	2.0%
International Commerce Agency	West Chester, PA	Assistant Account Manager	1	2.0%
Johnson and Johnson	Skillman, NJ	Global Operations Leadership Development (GOLD) Candidate	1	2.0%
Kelly's Sports Ltd.	West Chester, PA	Retail Manager / Buyer	1	2.0%
Kendal-Crosslands	Kennett Square, PA	Primary Nurse	1	2.0%
Kindercare	Exton, PA	Toddler Teacher	1	2.0%
KPMG	Philadelphia, PA	Audit Associate	1	2.0%
Lancaster Laboratories	Lancaster, PA	Chemist	1	2.0%
Main Line Health	Paoli, PA	RN	1	2.0%
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North Creek Nurseries	Oxford, PA	Sectional Grower	1	2.0%
Novo Nordisk		Diabetes Care Associate (Pharmaceutical Field Sales)	1	2.0%
Pediatric Specialty Care	Point Pleasant, PA	Staff RN	1	2.0%

Name of the Hiring Organization	Location of the Hiring Organization	Job Title	#	%
Pennsylvania Counseling Services	Berks County, PA	TSS	1	2.0%
Pennsylvania Game Commission	Harrisburg, PA	Wildlife Conservation Officer	1	2.0%
Phoenixville Area Children's Learning Center	Phoenixville, PA	Teacher	1	2.0%
Power Train Sports	Exton, PA	Performance Coach	1	2.0%
PricewaterhouseCoopers	Philadelphia, PA	Tax Associate	1	2.0%
PrimePay LLC	West Chester, PA	Sales Executive	1	2.0%
Saddlebrook Equestrian Center	Schwenksville, PA	Manager, Coach, Trainer	1	2.0%
Siemens	Mountainview CA	Business and Sales Analyst	1	2.0%
Stryker Orthobiologics	Malvern, PA	Human Resouce Specialist	1	2.0%
Target	Exton, PA	Executive Team Leader	1	2.0%
Uticom Systems	Coatsville, PA	Client Services	1	2.0%
Vanguard	Malvern, PA	Client Relationship Specialist	1	2.0%
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Vivi G Shoes	Wayne, PA	Website E-Commerce Operator	1	2.0%

Name of the Hiring Organization	Location of the Hiring Organization	Job Title	#	%
West Chester University of PA	West Chester, PA	IT Helpdesk Intern	1	2.0%
West Chester University of PA	West Chester, PA	Helpdesk Analyst	1	2.0%
West Chester University of PA	West Chester, PA	IT Generalist Postion I	1	2.0%
West Chester University of PA	West Chester, PA	Network Engineer	1	2.0%
Wings To Go	West Chester, PA	Manager	1	2.0%
Not provided	Oaks, PA	Account Manager	1	2.0%
Not provided	Not provided	Business Owner	1	2.0%
Total			50	100.0%

APPENDIX B

Graduate School Information

Name of the Institution	Discipline of Study	Degree/Certificate	#	%
Arcadia, Drexel, Delaware, Widener, Jefferson, Temple	Physical Therapy	Doctoral (includes JD, MD etc.)	1	7.1%
Autism	Special Education	Masters (Includes MSW, MBA etc.)	1	7.1%
Barry University	Social work	Masters (Includes MSW, MBA etc.)	1	7.1%
Dccc	Police academy		1	7.1%
Life University	Doctorate of Chiropractic	Doctoral (includes JD, MD etc.)	1	7.1%
Temple University School of Medicine	Medicine	Doctoral (includes JD, MD etc.)	1	7.1%
University of Phoenix	Masters of Health Service Administration	Masters (Includes MSW, MBA etc.)	1	7.1%
West Chester University	Criminal Justice	Masters (Includes MSW, MBA etc.)	2	14.3%
West Chester University	M.S Criminal Justice	Masters (Includes MSW, MBA etc.)	1	7.1%
West Chester University	Masters of Public Administration and Masters of Arts in Philosophy	Masters (Includes MSW, MBA etc.)	1	7.1%
Widener, Villanova, Drexel	Law	Doctoral (includes JD, MD etc.)	1	7.1%
Not provided	Industrial/Organizational Psychology	Masters (Includes MSW, MBA etc.)	1	7.1%
Total			13	100.0%

APPENDIX C

Principal Plan by College

Principal Activity	College of Arts & Sciences		College of Business and Public Affairs		College of Education		College of Health Sciences		College of Visual and Performing Arts	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Employment, full-time paid	64	62.1	40	79.6	30	65.2	18	66.7	1	20.0
Employment, part-time paid	9	8.7	3	5.8	11	23.9	3	11.1	3	60.0
Graduate or professional school, full-time	17	16.5	7	13.5	3	6.5	5	18.5	0	0.0
Graduate or professional school, part-time	4	3.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	20.0
Additional undergraduate coursework	1	1.0	0	0.0	1	2.2	0	0.0	0	0.0
Military Service	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Volunteer activity	0	0.0	1	1.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Starting or raising a family	2	1.9	0	0.0	1	2.2	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other	6	5.8	1	1.9	0	0.0	1	3.7	0	0.0
TOTAL	103	100.0	52	100.0	46	100.0	27	100.0	5	100.0

