

May/Summer 2018 Graduation Survey Results

May/Summer graduation applicants were surveyed in order to gather data regarding their future plans. The survey included all degree program students (associates, bachelors, masters and DNP graduates).

These results are based on the total number of applicants for graduation (1016) and the number of valid respondents (729), which yields a response rate of 72% of the (assumed) graduating class. Statistics are as of 5/14/17 at 8:30 AM. The University will continue to survey graduates over the next nine months.¹

1. **77% of respondents confirmed that they are employed, volunteering, serving in the military and/or continuing their education; 57% are employed either full-time or part-time.**
 - A. Full-time Employment:
44% indicated that after graduation they were starting a new full-time position or were continuing an existing full-time position;
 - I. 73% of those employed full-time are working in Healthcare (35%), Education (20%), or Business (18%);
 - II. 56% of those employed full-time reported receiving a salary of \$40,000 or more per year (includes all industries); 35% indicated a salary of \$50,000 or more per year;
 - III. Of those employed full-time and who provided a work location, 79% remained in Pennsylvania;
 - IV. Of the respondents with full-time employment, 44% of degrees were from completely online programs and 31% were Masters/Doctorate degrees;
 - B. Part-time Employment:
13% indicated that they are starting or continuing a part-time position;
 - C. Volunteer Service:
1.4% (10 students) are participating in a volunteer or service program (such as Peace Corps);
 - D. Military Service:
1.2% (9 students) indicated that they would serve in the US Military;
 - E. Continuing Education:
 - I. 17% of respondents are either accepted or enrolled in a program of continuing education, with 88% enrolled full-time;
 - II. 11% are planning to apply, but are not yet enrolled in a continuing educational program. (These respondents are not included in the 77% total of respondents with confirmed future plans.)
2. 82% of respondents who are employed either full-time or part-time agree that their employment is related to their degree.
 - A. 85% of the students reporting full-time employment agree that their employment is related to their degree.
3. 83% of respondents believe that their Clarion University degree was either very valuable or extremely valuable to their future plans; this figure rises to 96% when including respondents who believe that their degree was moderately valuable.
 - A. 88% of the students reporting full-time employment believe that their degree was either very valuable or extremely valuable to their future plans; this figure rises to 99% when including respondents who believe that their degree was moderately valuable.

¹ Students who participated are not confirmed graduates. A list of confirmed graduates is available 30 days after the close of the spring term when final course work is evaluated and degrees are posted to the student's transcript. It should be noted that, based on the past graduation surveys, approximately 20% of the students who applied for graduation and were surveyed did not actually graduate in the semester in which they applied (although they were approved to participate in commencement).