Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania: 2016-17 Graduate Alumni Survey

The 2016-17 Graduate Alumni Survey was administered to 373 graduate degree recipients during the spring of 2019 with the goal of capturing overall satisfaction, employment-search experience, post-graduation employment and/or continuing education, and the importance of various skills acquired while a graduate student.

A total of 64 graduate alumni responded to the survey for an overall response rate of 17% and 10 were recipients of a $10 Amazon.com gift card offered by the State System as an incentive for participation. Of those 64 graduate alumni, almost 56% were employed full-time, while an additional 3% were enrolled in a program of continuing or graduate education and 3% were seeking employment.

Of those graduate alumni who were employed and provided employment information, over 67% were employed in Pennsylvania.

2016-17 Graduate Alumni Primary Status

- Employed full-time: 85.9%
- Employed part-time: 3.1%
- Enrolled in a program of continuing or graduate education: 4.7%
- Seeking Employment: 1.6%
- Not seeking employment nor continuing education: 1.6%
- Serving in the U.S. Military: 3.1%

N = 64

2016-17 Graduate Alumni Employment Location

- Pennsylvania: 67.4%
- Not in Pennsylvania: 32.6%

N = 46

17.2% Response Rate
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67.4% employed in PA
Of those graduate alumni who provided a location of employment, most are employed in PA
The education industry, social and/or community services industry, and the government employed over 53% of graduate alumni. The arts, entertainment and/or recreation industry; the military; and the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting industry did not employ any responding graduate alumni.

Almost 70% of employed graduate alumni said their occupation is directly related to their program/area of study, while no respondents indicated their job is unrelated to their area of study.
The top five sources for graduate alumni to cover their college expenses excluding Federal and/or State financial aid were from parental/family/friends (37%), personal savings (33%), graduate assistantships (27%), off-campus jobs (23%), and private loans (20%).

Overall, 73% of graduate alumni said they would choose the same university again if they had to do it over, while 72% would choose the same major(s).