

2016-2017 RECENT GRADUATES SURVEY

AY 2016-2017 graduate alumni



Key Findings:

- About 68% of AY 2017 graduate alumni were employed three months after graduation.
- The full-time employment rate for AY 2017 graduate alumni three months after graduation was 61.9%.*
- 7.7% of AY 2017 graduate alumni were pursuing further education three months after graduation. Another 41.5% planned to pursue additional education at some point.

THE SURVEY

Approximately three months following the completion of their studies, 490 alumni who had earned their graduate degree or certificate during the 2016-2017 academic year (AY 2017) were asked to participate in an online survey about their employment and educational activities since graduation (note: Law students were excluded because the Law School has specific standards for alumni follow-ups). Graduate alumni were invited to participate in the survey through a series of five email communications (a prenotice, an invitation, and three reminders). Overall, 81 graduate alumni responded to the survey (a response rate of 16.5%). This brief details the principal findings from the survey (note: percentages are based on the number of alumni responding to the relevant survey items).

EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES

- 67.6% of AY 2017 graduate alumni were employed three months after graduation.
 - The majority of those employed (60.0%) were working full-time.
 - The majority of those employed (79.1%) were in a permanent position.
 - More than half were employed in a position that they did not work at while at UMass Dartmouth (58.1%)
- 29.4% of AY 2017 graduate alumni were not employed three months after graduation and were seeking employment. About 2.9% were unemployed and were not seeking employment.
- The full-time employment rate for AY 2017 graduate alumni three months after graduation was 61.9%.*
- 90.7% of AY 2017 graduate alumni who were employed indicated that their job was “somewhat” or “highly related” to their graduate program.
 - More than half of those employed (55.8%) indicated that their job was “highly related” to their graduate program.
 - Additionally, 48.8% of those employed specified that a graduate degree was required as a condition of their employment.
- Among AY 2017 graduate alumni who were employed, 58.1% were working in Massachusetts.
- The average annual reported gross salary for AY 2017 graduate alumni working full-time was \$58,686 (median: \$48,000).

The most frequently cited occupational groups by AY 2017 graduate alumni who were employed:

1. Management, Business, and Financial Operations Occupations (25.6%)
2. Education, Training, and Library Occupations (16.3%)
3. Healthcare Practitioners, Support, and Technical Occupations (14.0%)
4. Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations (7.0%)
5. Architecture and Engineering Occupations (4.7%)

Employers of AY 2017 graduate alumni included:

UMass Dartmouth
 Southcoast Hospital
 BlueCross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island
 Hasbro
 Autoscribe Informatics

*Alumni not actively seeking employment were excluded in the rate calculation.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 7.7% of AY 2017 graduate alumni were engaged in further educational pursuits three months after graduation. Less than half (41.5%) were not currently pursuing further education but planned to do so at some point.
- Almost half of those engaged in further education were pursuing a Ph.D. or Ed.D (40.0%). Others were pursuing Master’s degrees (40.0%) or some other type of advanced credential (20.0%).
- More than half (60.0%) of those engaged in further education indicated that their main reason for pursuing an advanced certificate or degree was because it would allow them to advance in their chosen career path. The other 40.0% indicated another advanced certificate/degree will broaden their professional options beyond my current career path.

Degree fields of AY 2017 graduate alumni who were pursuing further education included:

- Other (40.0%)
- Education (20.0%)
- Engineering (20.0%)
- Public Administration and Social Service (20.0%)

73.8% of AY 2017 graduate alumni rated their entire educational experience at UMassD as “good” or “excellent.”

69.2% also indicated that they would “probably” or “definitely” go to UMassD again for graduate studies if they could start over.



SUMMARY STATISTICS BY COLLEGE/SCHOOL FOR GRADUATE ALUMNI

College/School (n=# of respondents)	% Had Job 3 Months After Graduation	% Still Seeking Job 3 Months After Graduation	Full-time Employment Rate*	Average Annual Full- time Gross Salary Mean / Median	% Attending Graduate or Professional School
Arts and Sciences (n=12)	80.0%	20.0%	80.0%	\$46,825 / \$46,000	30.0%
Business (n=26)	65.2%	30.4%	61.9%	\$60,229 / \$75,000	4.5%
Engineering (n=21)	43.8%	56.2%	35.7%	**	0.0%
Visual and Performing Arts (n=4)	**	**	**	**	**
Nursing (n=7)	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	\$80,700 / \$77,000	0.0%
Education (n=7)	100.0%	0.0%	71.4%	**	14.3%
SMAS ^T (n=4)	75.0%	25.0%	50.0%	**	0.0%

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** Data not reported when students reporting were fewer than 3.

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