Western Washington University
2016-2017 GRADUATE OUTCOMES REPORT

The Career Services Center has implemented a new method for collecting post-graduation education and employment outcomes data, greatly increasing the sample size and accuracy of results reported over previous years. This report on graduates from the 2016-2017 academic year reflects outcomes six months post-graduation based on a sample of 89% (3,015 of 3,382) of Bachelor’s Degree recipients and a sample of 85% (248 of 293) Master’s Degree recipients.

BACHELOR’S DEGREE GRADUATES

- Further Education: 12%
- Employment: 77%
- Other/Seeking: 11%

MASTER’S DEGREE GRADUATES

- Further Education: 3%
- Employment: 86%
- Other/Seeking: 11%

IN-STATE EMPLOYMENT

80% of graduates were employed in Washington State:

- King County: 31%
- Whatcom County: 24%
- Snohomish County: 6%
- Skagit County: 4%
- Pierce County: 4%
- Other Counties: 11%

INTERNSHIP OUTCOMES

Graduates with internship experience had increased outcomes:

- GREATER RATE OF EMPLOYMENT: 8%
- HIGHER WAGES EARNED: 13%

TOP EMPLOYERS

1. Western Washington University
2. Bellingham School District
3. The Boeing Company
4. Fred Meyer
5. Mount Vernon School District
6. St. Joseph Hospital
7. Safeway
8. Starbucks Coffee
9. Target
10. Costco

EMPLOYMENT INDUSTRIES

- Educational Services: 16%
- Retail: 14%
- Health Care: 14%
- Hospitality: 13%
- Professional Services: 7%
- Waste and Remediation: 6%
- Manufacturing: 5%
- Public Administration: 3%
- Information: 3%
- Other Industries: 18%

TOP GRADUATE SCHOOLS

1. Western Washington University
2. University of Washington
3. Western Governors University
4. Seattle University
5. Arizona State University
6. University of California-Riverside
7. Portland State University
8. Bastyr University
9. University of California-Davis
10. University of Oregon

For More Information:
Additional information, including outcomes for specific colleges and majors, can be found on the Career Services Center website (wwu.edu/careers). Questions regarding this report may be addressed to Matt Bryant at matt.bryant@wwu.edu or 360-650-2982.