

Job Placement and Continuing Education: Undergraduate

An alumni survey was conducted of all graduates University-Wide in the (07/01/2022 - 6/30/2023) academic year, 1-year (2021-2022), 3-years (2019-2020), and 5-years (2017-2018) after graduation.

University Wide

A total of 223 graduates University-Wide responded to the survey.

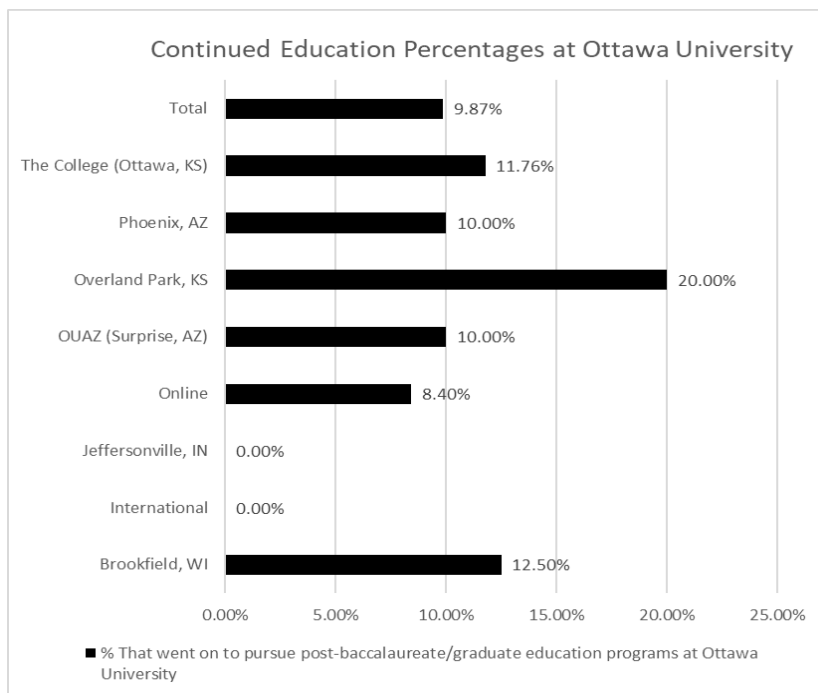
- 76 responded that they have or are pursuing additional education.
- Of those 76 respondents, 22 (28.95%) went on to pursue post-baccalaureate/graduate education programs at Ottawa University in the fields of accounting, finance, leadership, nursing, counseling, education, and business.
- The remaining - respondents pursued advanced degrees in nursing, education, counseling, accounting, criminal justice, behavior analysis, English literature, business data analysis, and medical coding at other institutions.

Response Rates

Undergraduate Response Rate				
	Total Sendouts	Responses	Non-Responses	Response Rate
Undergraduate 2017-2018	546	69	477	12.64%
Undergraduate 2019-2020	558	76	482	13.62%
Undergraduate 2021-2022	532	78	454	14.66%
Total	1636	223	1413	13.63%

Respondents by Campus

My campus location was:				
	# of responses	% of total responses	Went on to pursue post-baccalaureate/graduate education programs at Ottawa University	% That went on to pursue post-baccalaureate/graduate education programs at Ottawa University
Brookfield, WI	8	3.59%	1	12.50%
International	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Jeffersonville, IN	5	2.24%	0	0.00%
Online	119	53.36%	10	8.40%
OUAZ (Surprise, AZ)	20	8.97%	2	10.00%
Overland Park, KS	10	4.48%	2	20.00%
Phoenix, AZ	10	4.48%	1	10.00%
The College (Ottawa, KS)	51	22.87%	6	11.76%
Total	223	99.99%	22	9.87%



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CAREER PLACEMENT

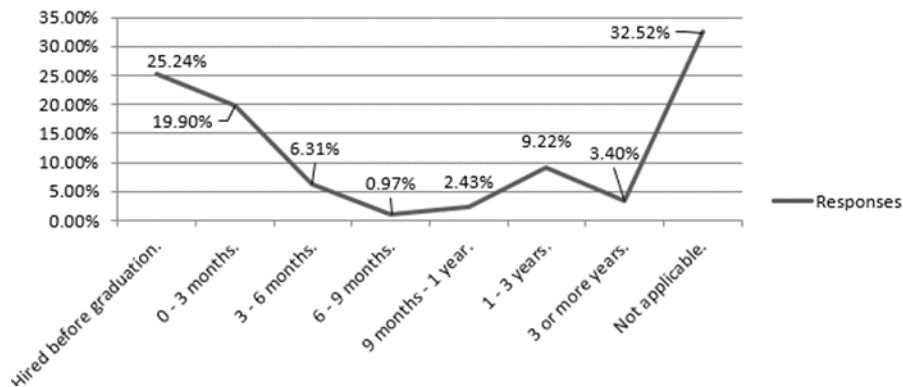
The following section pertains to graduates' responses to items regarding their career placement.

(Q5) Which of the following best describes your current employment status:		
	# of responses	% of total responses
Accepted new position within the last 6 months.	18	7.50%
Currently employed; full-time (in field of study).	110	45.83%
Currently employed; full-time (not in field of study).	54	22.50%
Currently employed; part-time.	13	5.42%
Self-employed.	8	3.33%
Full-time family care giver.	2	0.83%
Serving in the military.	1	0.42%
Waiting for acceptance to graduate school.	5	2.08%
Not employed by personal choice.	2	0.83%
Not employed; seeking employment.	10	4.17%
Not employed; attending graduate school.	6	2.50%
Retired.	2	0.83%
Other (please specify)	9	3.75%
Total (Including multi-choice responses)	206 student responses 240 total responses	100.00%
Other (please specify descriptions)		
2 different styles of coaching		
Attending grad school		
Employed and attending grad school		

In graduate school
In graduate school
Playing professional baseball
Position not in field of study
Semi Retired
Unemployed, finishing second year of Master's program at Ottawa

(Q6) How long after graduation did you find a job in your major field of study:		
	# of responses	% of total responses
Employed while in school.	52	25.24%
0 - 3 months.	41	19.90%
3 - 6 months.	13	6.31%
6 - 9 months.	2	0.97%
9 months - 1 year.	5	2.43%
1 - 3 years.	19	9.22%
3 or more years.	7	3.40%
Not applicable.	67	32.52%
Answered	206	99.99%

How long after graduation did you find a job that required a 4-year degree?



CAREER PREPARATION

The following section pertains to graduates' responses to items regarding their career preparation in their major field of study.

Please rate your agreement with the following statements.							
<i>(The top # is the % of the total respondents selecting the option & the bottom # is the count of respondents selecting the option.)</i>							
	DISAGREE		NEUTRAL	AGREE		Total # of Responses	Mean Score (5-point scale)
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral/ Not Applicable	Agree	Strongly Agree		
My undergraduate program at Ottawa University prepared me with the appropriate	4.89%	7.61%	15.76%	47.28%	24.46%	184	3.79
	9	14	29	87	45		

knowledge and skills for my career field.							
My undergraduate program at Ottawa University prepared me to analyze and evaluate information in my career field.	3.80% 7	5.98% 11	15.22% 28	48.91% 90	26.09% 48	184	3.88
My undergraduate program at Ottawa University prepared me to solve problems presented by my career field.	3.80% 7	7.61% 14	16.85% 31	48.91% 90	22.83% 42	184	3.79
My undergraduate program at Ottawa University prepared me with the oral communication ability necessary to be successful in today's workplace.	4.89% 9	4.89% 9	17.39% 32	41.85% 77	30.98% 57	184	3.89
My undergraduate program at Ottawa University prepared me with the written communication ability necessary to be successful in today's workplace.	3.80% 7	5.43% 10	11.96% 22	44.57% 82	34.24% 63	184	4.00
My undergraduate program at Ottawa University prepared me to recognize and evaluate ethical dilemmas in the workplace.	3.26% 6	4.35% 8	15.76% 29	45.11% 83	31.52% 58	184	3.97
My undergraduate program at Ottawa University prepared me to adapt to an increasingly global, diverse, and technological society.	6.01% 11	6.01% 11	16.94% 31	44.26% 81	26.78% 49	183	3.80
I am actively involved in professional organizations related to my field of study/career.	9.24% 17	11.96% 22	22.83% 42	31.52% 58	24.46% 45	184	3.50
I continue professional development by reviewing professional literature and trends related to my career field.	3.80% 7	7.07% 13	15.76% 29	46.74% 86	26.63% 49	184	3.85

I continue professional development by attending conferences and seminars/webinars related to my career field.	4.89% 9	11.96% 22	25.00% 46	34.78% 64	23.37% 43	184	3.60
I continue professional development by participating in volunteer or service activities related to my career field.	7.65% 14	10.93% 20	30.60% 56	31.15% 57	19.67% 36	183	3.44

(Q17) When you graduated, what was the approximate total amount borrowed to finance your undergraduate education for which you were personally responsible for repayment? (You may go to www.nsls.ed.gov to retrieve this information.)		
	# of responses	% of total responses
No loans.	38	23.03%
Less than \$15,000.	16	9.70%
\$15,000 to \$19,999.	13	7.88%
\$20,000 to \$24,999.	18	10.91%
\$25,000 to \$29,999.	16	9.70%
\$30,000 to \$34,999.	18	10.91%
\$35,000 to \$39,999.	11	6.67%
\$40,000 to \$44,999.	5	3.03%
\$45,000 to \$49,999.	9	5.45%
\$50,000 or more.	18	10.91%
Unable to estimate amount.	3	1.82%
Total	165	100.01%
<i>* these majors were excluded from this data set due to no student responses Art Education, Cyber Security for Managers, Data Science and Technology, Music, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, and Public Safety.</i>		

(Q18) Do you think the benefits you received from attending Ottawa University were worth the financial costs to you and your family?		
	# of responses	% of total responses
Yes. The benefits have outweighed the costs.	66	40.74%
Maybe. I am not sure if the benefits have outweighed the costs.	57	35.19%
No. The benefits have not outweighed the costs so far, but I expect they will soon.	13	8.02%
No. The benefits have not outweighed the costs so far, and I do not anticipate that they will.	26	16.05%
Total	162	100.00%

ADVANCED DEGREE PREPARATION

The following section pertains to graduates' responses to items regarding their advanced degree preparation.

(Q23) Have you completed an advanced degree or specialized program?		
	# of responses	% of total responses
Yes.	37	22.84%
No.	125	77.16%
Total	162	100.00%

(Q25) Do you plan to pursue an advanced degree or specialized program at some point in the future?		
	# of responses	% of total responses
Yes.	63	38.89%
No.	54	33.33%
Not Sure.	45	27.78%
Total	162	100.00%

Source: Institutional Effectiveness