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| Florida Atlantic University |
| Career Destination Survey |
| August 2011 Graduation Class |
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The FAU Career Development Center in the Division of Student Affairs is pleased to provide the results of the FAU August 2011-graduation class Career Destination Survey. The purpose of the Career Destination Survey is to promote an accurate understanding of the immediate post-graduation plans of graduating FAU students and to provide data for related career issues, accreditation needs, recruitment and retention of students.

Despite a slow economic recovery, FAU graduates were fortunate to have access to over 1,084 full-time jobs and over 979 part-time, Co-op and internship job postings that were listed on OWL Career Link, our dedicated student job portal. This represents a 29% increase from last year’s job postings. FAU’s strong commitment to internships and other practice‐based experiential learning gives our students a strong advantage in a competitive job market along with a 24.4 % increase in the number of employers recruiting at the spring 2011 Career Day & Technical Fair as compared to the spring of 2010.

The survey was administered to the August 2011 graduates during commencement as part of their graduation requirements in an effort to capture as much of the graduating student population as possible. Altogether, 579 bachelor’s, 186 master’s, and 21 doctoral graduates participated in the survey.

Seven hundred and eighty-six of the 1,578 bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral graduates responded, representing 49.8% of the August 2011 graduates. All data was self-reported and presented anonymously in aggregate form. Post-graduation outcomes for FAU’s August 2011 graduates are presented below.

* 46.6% of the August 2011 graduates reported securing post-graduation employment upon graduation.
* Of those having secured post-graduation employment 43.1% indicated that their FAU degree was required for their post-graduation employment.
* 59.6% of graduates employed at the time of graduation planned to continue in the same job.
* The average salary for bachelor’s graduates was $39,158 (N = 172).
* The average salary for master’s graduates was $64,060 (N = 73).
* The average salary for doctoral graduates was $79,800 (N = 10).
* 73.4% of bachelor’s graduates and 28.5% of master’s graduates reported that they planned to attend graduate/professional school.
* Of those planning to attend graduate/professional school, 22.6% of bachelor’s graduates and 45.8% of master’s were accepted to graduate/professional school.

**The Percentage of Bachelor’s & Master’s Graduates Reported**

**Planning on Attending Graduate/Professional School**

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|  | **Graduate/Professional School** |
| **Bachelor’s graduates** | 73.4% |
| **Master’s graduates** | 28.5% |

**The Percentage Who Were Accepted into a Graduate/Professional School**

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|  | **Graduate/Professional School** |
| **Bachelor’s graduates** | 22.6% |
| **Master’s graduates** | 45.8% |

**The Types of Graduate Degrees the Students Expected to Pursue in Graduate/Professional School**

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|  | **Master’s** | **Doctoral** | **Medicine** | **Law** |
| **Bachelor’s graduates** | 84.3% | 2.9% | 5.7% | 7.1% |
| **Master’s graduates** | 27.2% | 63.6% | 9.1% | 0.0 |