

Post-Graduate Employment Survey Summary Results Class of 2009



Each year Simmons College surveys recent undergraduates one year out to determine their employment and/or further education status. The most recent survey was conducted in the spring of 2010 for the Class of 2009. The following is a summary of the results from that survey:

RESPONSE RATE

Response Rate: 62%
Total Number Surveyed: 367
Total Responses: 229

Largest Majors and Response Rate:

| Department | Rank | Total Grads | Response Rate |
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| Nursing | 1 | 77 | 66% |
| Biology | 2 | 47 | 64% |
| Communications | 3 | 42 | 52% |
| Psychology | 4 | 37 | 70% |
| Management | 5 | 35 | 57% |

OVERALL

Overall Employment Rate: 95%

Full-time

Employed Full-time: 56%
Graduate School Full-time: 18%
Employed and Grad School Full-time: 8%
Full-time Rate: 84% (excludes "Other" in calculating rate)

Employed Part-time (temp, internship, etc.): 11%

Seeking Employment: 5%

Other: 2%

EMPLOYMENT

Top Fields of Employment:

- Healthcare 49%
- Communications & Media 10%
- Human & Social Services 8%
- Education 6%
- Business & Finance 5%
- Government 5%
- Sciences 5%

Top Employers:

- Americorps
- Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
- Brigham & Women's Hospital
- Harvard University
- Massachusetts General Hospital
- Partners Healthcare
- Simmons College
- Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital
- Tufts Medical Center
- US Army

Other Selected Employers:

- Apple, Inc.
- Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
- DeCordova Sculpture Park and Museum
- Liberty Mutual Group
- New England Center for Children
- Paramount Pictures
- Peabody-Essex Museum
- Pearson Education
- Social Security Administration
- Yale New Haven Hospital

Relation to major:

- Related/Somewhat Related 88%

Length of Job Search:

- Within 3 months of graduation 31%
- 3-6 months after graduation 24%
- 6-12 months after graduation 21%

Method of Finding Job (could select more than one):

- Networking 38%
- Internet job site 32%
- Internship/clinical placement 15%
- Direct employer contact 15%

Salary:

- Average Salary \$39,240
- Median Salary \$37,720
- Range \$11,000 - \$65,000

Location of Employment:

- Massachusetts 67%
- Elsewhere in New England 13%
- Outside New England 18%
- International 2%

GRADUATE STUDY

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| Overall Full-time Graduate Study Rate: | 26% |
| Graduate Study Full-time: | 18% |
| Graduate Study Full-time and Employed Full-time: | 8% |

Top Graduate Schools:

- Assumption College
- Boston College
- Massachusetts General Hospital
- Simmons College
- University of Connecticut

Other Selected Graduate Schools:

- Boston University
- Brandeis University
- Columbia University Teachers College
- Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
- Northeastern University School of Law
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Tufts University Fletcher School
- Tulane Law School
- University of Pennsylvania

METHODOLOGY

Over a period of approximately six weeks from 5/4/10-6/14/10 the Career Education Center surveyed the cohort of May, 2009 Simmons baccalaureate graduates. We contacted the entire class by e-mail with a link to the online version of the survey, with a hard copy paper survey, and via phone. Of the 229 total survey replies, 54% were received online, 32% were received over the phone, and 14% were received via mail.

For further information, please contact the Simmons College Career Education Center, (617) 521-2488 or careers@simmons.edu.