

## Lourdes University First Destination Survey Class of 2016

The First Destination Survey is an annual project completed by the Career Services Office with the help of the Registrar Office. 409 questionnaires were sent to the Summer 2015, Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 graduates (associate, bachelors and masters degrees) during November and December 2016 (60 surveys were received). Results on response and placement rates were submitted to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) in April 2017.

Information on graduate employment and continuing education is important to Lourdes University for many reasons.

- Academic Departments need to know how students utilize their majors beyond graduation.
- The Career Services Office uses the placement information as a networking tool and shares this information with students who are seeking career opportunities after graduation.
- The Alumni Office uses the contact information for its records.
- The Admission Office utilizes placement statistics for prospective students.
- Current students can find placement information helpful in estimating employment trends.

The surveys sent to the graduates asked questions about the following “types” of placements including:

1. Employed (full-time or part-time)
2. Entrepreneur
3. Temp/Contract or Freelance
4. Post Graduate Internship
5. Gap Year Experience
6. Continuing education full-time
7. Military
8. Still seeking employment or continuing education

The overall response rate was 15% (60 respondents/ 409 students)

The response rate for undergraduate students was 10% (28 respondents/287 students)

The response rate for graduate students was 26% (32 respondents/122 students)

### Summary results are as follows:

Overall, out of the respondents, 97% of the students surveyed were placed [employed (full-time or part-time) or continuing education].

1. 82% Employed are employed full-time
2. 10% Temp/Contract full-time
3. 3% Post Graduate Internship or Temporary/Contract Experience
4. 2% Continuing Education full-time
5. 3% Still seeking employment

### Class Description\*

Graduation Date	Salary Ranges Across All Majors/Graduates	Degrees offered
Summer 2015 12%	\$21,000-\$161,500	Associates 1%
December 2015 43%		Bachelor 69%
May 2016 45%		Master 30%

\*These percentages are based on 409 surveys