

Lourdes University **First Destination Survey** **Class of 2017**

The First Destination Survey is an annual project completed by the Career Services Office with the help of the Registrar Office. 355 questionnaires were sent to the summer 2016, fall 2016 and spring 2017 graduates (Associate, Bachelors and Masters Degrees) during November and December 2016. In addition to survey results, LinkedIn and discussions with faculty members were utilized to obtain responses from graduates. Results on response and placement rates were submitted to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) in April 2018.

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 57% (202 respondents/ 355 students)

The response rate for undergraduate students was 51% (141 respondents/275 students)

The response rate for graduate students was 76% (61 respondents/80 students)

Summary results are as follows:

Overall, out of the respondents, **99% of the students surveyed were placed** [employed (full-time or part-time), military service or continuing education].

1. 81% Employed are employed full-time
2. 10% Employed are employed part-time
3. 7% Continuing Education full-time
4. 1% Military Service
5. 1% Still seeking employment

Class Description*

Degrees Offered	Mean Salary Ranges
Associate 3%	Bachelor: \$33,375
Bachelor 75%	Master: \$89,900
Master 23 %	

*These percentages are based on 355 students