

Northeastern Illinois University
Survey of 1997 Baccalaureate Graduates (9 Years Out)

| Degree Program Group | College of Business | | College of Education | | Non Traditional Degrees | | College of Arts&Sciences | | University | |
|--|---------------------|-------|----------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|------------|-------|
| Total Baccalaureate Graduates | 142 | | 240 | | 194 | | 398 | | 974 | |
| Total Survey Respondents | 12 | | 24 | | 15 | | 23 | | 74 | |
| | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % |
| Section I: Career Preparation and Employment Experiences | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Are you currently employed (including self-employed)? | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yes, working full time | 10 | 83.3% | 22 | 91.7% | 10 | 66.7% | 17 | 77.3% | 59 | 80.8% |
| Yes, working part time | | | 1 | 4.2% | 3 | 20.0% | 3 | 13.6% | 7 | 9.6% |
| No, but am seeking employment | | | | | 1 | 6.7% | | | 1 | 1.4% |
| No, and am not seeking employment | 2 | 16.7% | 1 | 4.2% | 1 | 6.7% | 2 | 9.1% | 6 | 8.2% |
| 3. How would you classify your current primary employer? | | | | | | | | | | |
| Self - employed or private practice | | | | | 3 | 23.1% | | | 3 | 4.5% |
| Business | 7 | 70.0% | 2 | 8.3% | 2 | 15.4% | 5 | 25.0% | 16 | 23.9% |
| Professional firm | | | | | | | | | | |
| College or university | 1 | 10.0% | 1 | 4.2% | 1 | 7.7% | 2 | 10.0% | 5 | 7.5% |
| Elementary/secondary school | | | 19 | 79.2% | 1 | 7.7% | 6 | 30.0% | 26 | 38.8% |
| Health agency | | | 1 | 4.2% | 2 | 15.4% | | | 3 | 4.5% |
| Federal, state, or local government | | | | | 1 | 7.7% | 4 | 20.0% | 5 | 7.5% |
| Armed services | | | | | | | | | | |
| Non-Profit | 1 | 10.0% | | | 1 | 7.7% | 2 | 10.0% | 4 | 6.0% |
| Other | 1 | 10.0% | 1 | 4.2% | 2 | 15.4% | 1 | 5.0% | 5 | 7.5% |
| 4. How satisfied are you with your current job? | | | | | | | | | | |
| Very satisfied | 4 | 40.0% | 11 | 45.8% | 5 | 38.5% | 8 | 40.0% | 28 | 41.8% |
| Satisfied | 2 | 20.0% | 10 | 41.7% | 2 | 15.4% | 7 | 35.0% | 21 | 31.3% |
| Somewhat satisfied | 3 | 30.0% | 3 | 12.5% | 4 | 30.8% | 4 | 20.0% | 14 | 20.9% |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | | | | | 2 | 15.4% | 1 | 5.0% | 3 | 4.5% |
| Dissatisfied | 1 | 10.0% | | | | | | | 1 | 1.5% |
| Very dissatisfied | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5. How closely related is your current job to your degree from NEIU? | | | | | | | | | | |
| Closely Related | 3 | 30.0% | 17 | 70.8% | 3 | 23.1% | 9 | 45.0% | 32 | 47.7% |
| Related | 3 | 30.0% | 6 | 25.0% | 6 | 46.2% | 3 | 15.0% | 18 | 26.9% |
| Unrelated | 4 | 40.0% | 1 | 4.2% | 4 | 30.7% | 8 | 40.0% | 17 | 25.4% |
| If "unrelated", is this by choice? | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yes | 2 | 50.0% | 1 | 100.0% | 3 | 75.0% | 3 | 42.9% | 9 | 56.3% |
| No | 2 | 50.0% | | | 1 | 25.0% | 4 | 57.1% | 7 | 43.7% |
| 6. For how many different employers have you worked since you earned your degree from NEIU? | | | | | | | | | | |
| One | 4 | 40.0% | 8 | 33.3% | 8 | 61.5% | 9 | 45.0% | 29 | 43.3% |
| Two | 3 | 30.0% | 9 | 37.5% | 2 | 15.4% | 3 | 15.0% | 17 | 25.4% |
| Three to six | 3 | 30.0% | 7 | 29.2% | 3 | 23.1% | 7 | 35.0% | 20 | 29.9% |
| More than six | | | | | | | 1 | 5.0% | 1 | 1.5% |
| 7. What is your annual earned income before taxes in your current job? | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mean | \$50,716 | | \$43,476 | | \$56,554 | | \$49,168 | | \$48,986 | |
| Median | \$42,500 | | \$47,000 | | \$54,000 | | \$50,200 | | \$49,000 | |
| Minimum | \$30,000 | | \$20,000 | | \$20,000 | | \$0 | | \$0 | |
| Maximum | \$80,000 | | \$65,000 | | \$100,000 | | \$94,000 | | \$100,000 | |

| Degree Program Group | College of Business | | College of Education | | Non Traditional Degrees | | College of Arts&Sciences | | University | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---|----------------------|---|-------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|------------|---|
| | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % |
| Total Baccalaureate Graduates | 142 | | 240 | | 194 | | 398 | | 974 | |
| Total Survey Respondents | 12 | | 24 | | 15 | | 23 | | 74 | |

Section II: Education

1. Since completing your NEIU degree, have you earned one or more additional postsecondary degrees?

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----|---|-------|----|-------|---|-------|----|-------|----|-------|
| Yes | 3 | 25.0% | 15 | 65.2% | 7 | 46.7% | 9 | 42.9% | 34 | 47.9% |
| No | 9 | 75.0% | 8 | 34.8% | 8 | 53.3% | 12 | 57.1% | 37 | 52.1% |

If you have completed an additional degree, indicate all of the additional degrees.

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---|-------|----|-------|---|-------|---|-------|----|-------|
| Associate's | | | | | | | 1 | 11.1% | 1 | 2.9% |
| Second Bachelor's | | | 1 | 6.7% | | | 1 | 11.1% | 2 | 5.7% |
| Academic Master's | | | 12 | 80.0% | 5 | 62.5% | 5 | 55.6% | 22 | 62.9% |
| Professional Master's | 2 | 66.7% | 2 | 13.3% | 1 | 12.5% | 2 | 22.2% | 7 | 20.0% |
| Medicine | | | | | | | | | | |
| Health Professional | | | | | | | | | | |
| Theology | | | | | | | | | | |
| Law | | | | | 1 | 12.5% | | | 1 | 2.9% |
| Doctorate | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other | 1 | 33.3% | | | 1 | 12.5% | | | 2 | 5.7% |

2. Are you currently pursuing a postsecondary degree program?

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|---|-------|----|-------|----|--------|----|-------|----|-------|
| Yes, full-time | 1 | 9.1% | | | | | 1 | 4.8% | 2 | 2.9% |
| Yes, part-time | 1 | 9.1% | 6 | 27.3% | | | 4 | 19.0% | 11 | 16.2% |
| No | 9 | 81.8% | 16 | 72.7% | 14 | 100.0% | 16 | 76.2% | 55 | 80.9% |

If you are currently pursuing a postsecondary degree, please indicate degree below.

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---|--------|---|-------|---|--------|---|-------|----|-------|
| Associate's | | | | | | | | | | |
| Second Bachelor's | | | | | | | | | | |
| Academic Master's | | | 5 | 83.3% | 1 | 100.0% | 4 | 80.0% | 10 | 71.4% |
| Professional Master's | 2 | 100.0% | 1 | 16.7% | | | 1 | 20.0% | 4 | 28.6% |
| Medicine | | | | | | | | | | |
| Health Professional | | | | | | | | | | |
| Theology | | | | | | | | | | |
| Law | | | | | | | | | | |
| Doctorate | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other | | | | | | | | | | |

Section III: Student Satisfaction

1. What is your present attitude towards Northeastern Illinois University?

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|----|-------|----|-------|---|-------|----|-------|----|-------|
| Strongly positive | 1 | 8.3% | 6 | 25.0% | 7 | 46.7% | 8 | 34.8% | 22 | 29.7% |
| Positive | 11 | 91.7% | 11 | 45.8% | 7 | 46.7% | 12 | 52.2% | 41 | 55.4% |
| Somewhat positive | | | 6 | 25.0% | 1 | 6.7% | 3 | 13.0% | 10 | 13.5% |
| Somewhat negative | | | | | | | | | | |
| Negative | | | | | | | | | | |
| Strongly Negative | | | 1 | 4.2% | | | | | 1 | 1.4% |

2. What is your present attitude towards your degree major?

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|---|-------|----|-------|---|-------|----|-------|----|-------|
| Strongly positive | 3 | 25.0% | 12 | 50.0% | 7 | 46.7% | 8 | 34.8% | 30 | 40.5% |
| Positive | 8 | 66.7% | 9 | 37.5% | 6 | 40.0% | 11 | 47.8% | 34 | 45.9% |
| Somewhat positive | | | 2 | 8.3% | 2 | 13.3% | 3 | 13.0% | 7 | 9.5% |
| Somewhat negative | 1 | 8.3% | 1 | 4.2% | | | 1 | 4.3% | 3 | 4.1% |
| Negative | | | | | | | | | | |
| Strongly negative | | | | | | | | | | |

| Degree Program Group | College of Business | | College of Education | | Non Traditional Degrees | | College of Arts&Sciences | | University | | |
|---|-------------------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|------------|-------|---|
| | Total Baccalaureate Graduates | | 240 | | 194 | | 398 | | 974 | | |
| Total Survey Respondents | | 12 | | 24 | | 15 | | 23 | | 74 | |
| | | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % |
| 3. From your current perspective, how well did your NEIU degree prepare you for the career path you are following? | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Very well | 4 | 36.4% | 11 | 45.8% | 5 | 33.3% | 6 | 26.1% | 26 | 35.6% | |
| Well | 2 | 18.2% | 8 | 33.3% | 7 | 46.7% | 8 | 34.8% | 25 | 34.2% | |
| Adequately | 4 | 36.4% | 3 | 12.5% | 3 | 20.0% | 8 | 34.8% | 18 | 24.7% | |
| Inadequately | 1 | 9.1% | 1 | 4.2% | | | 1 | 4.3% | 3 | 4.1% | |
| Poorly | | | 1 | 4.2% | | | | | 1 | 1.4% | |
| Very Poorly | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Section IV: Educational Effectiveness | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. ...helping you to develop your critical thinking ability? | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Extremely | 2 | 16.7% | 1 | 4.2% | 6 | 42.9% | 5 | 21.7% | 14 | 19.2% | |
| Very | 6 | 50.0% | 12 | 50.0% | 6 | 42.9% | 11 | 47.8% | 35 | 47.9% | |
| Moderately | 4 | 33.3% | 10 | 41.7% | 2 | 14.3% | 6 | 26.1% | 22 | 30.1% | |
| Slightly | | | | | | | 1 | 4.3% | 1 | 1.4% | |
| Not helpful | | | 1 | 4.2% | | | | | 1 | 1.4% | |
| 2. ... helping you to develop your sense of ethics? | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Extremely | 2 | 16.7% | 2 | 8.3% | 5 | 35.7% | 6 | 26.1% | 15 | 20.5% | |
| Very | 5 | 41.7% | 9 | 37.5% | 6 | 42.9% | 7 | 30.4% | 27 | 37.0% | |
| Moderately | 3 | 25.0% | 7 | 29.2% | 2 | 14.3% | 9 | 39.1% | 21 | 28.8% | |
| Slightly | | | 5 | 20.8% | 1 | 7.1% | 1 | 4.3% | 7 | 9.6% | |
| Not helpful | 2 | 16.7% | 1 | 4.2% | | | | | 3 | 4.1% | |
| 3. ... contributing to a greater understanding of people with different backgrounds, habits, values, appearances, and abilities? | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Extremely | 3 | 25.0% | 5 | 20.8% | 7 | 50.0% | 9 | 39.1% | 24 | 32.9% | |
| Very | 6 | 50.0% | 11 | 45.8% | 4 | 28.6% | 8 | 34.8% | 29 | 39.7% | |
| Moderately | 2 | 16.7% | 5 | 20.8% | 3 | 21.4% | 4 | 17.4% | 14 | 19.2% | |
| Slightly | | | 2 | 8.3% | | | 2 | 8.7% | 4 | 5.5% | |
| Not helpful | 1 | 8.3% | 1 | 4.2% | | | | | 2 | 2.7% | |
| 4. ... helping you to become a more active citizen? | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Extremely | 2 | 16.7% | 2 | 8.3% | 3 | 23.1% | 6 | 26.1% | 13 | 18.1% | |
| Very | 4 | 33.3% | 8 | 33.3% | 6 | 46.2% | 4 | 17.4% | 22 | 30.6% | |
| Moderately | 4 | 33.3% | 7 | 29.2% | 2 | 15.4% | 7 | 30.4% | 20 | 27.8% | |
| Slightly | 1 | 8.3% | 4 | 16.7% | 2 | 15.4% | 6 | 26.1% | 13 | 18.1% | |
| Not helpful | 1 | 8.3% | 3 | 12.5% | | | | | 4 | 5.6% | |
| 5. ... improving the quality of your life aside from financial benefits? | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Extremely | 2 | 16.7% | 3 | 13.0% | 3 | 21.4% | 4 | 17.4% | 12 | 16.7% | |
| Very | 4 | 33.3% | 9 | 39.1% | 9 | 64.3% | 8 | 34.8% | 30 | 41.7% | |
| Moderately | 6 | 50.0% | 6 | 26.1% | 1 | 7.1% | 7 | 30.4% | 20 | 27.8% | |
| Slightly | | | 2 | 8.7% | 1 | 7.1% | 4 | 17.4% | 7 | 9.7% | |
| Not helpful | | | 3 | 13.0% | | | | | 3 | 4.2% | |