

Northeastern Illinois University
Survey of 2000 Baccalaureate Graduates (5 Years Out)

Degree Program Group	College of Business	College of Education	Non Traditional Degrees	College of Arts&Sciences	University
Total Baccalaureate Graduates	122	238	216	443	1,019
Total Survey Respondents	12	39	32	55	138
	%	%	%	%	%

Section I: Career Preparation and Employment Experiences

1. Are you currently employed (including self-employed)?

Yes, working full time	83.3%	89.7%	75.0%	78.2%	81.2%
Yes, working part time	16.7%	2.6%	15.6%	5.5%	8.0%
No, but am seeking employment				9.1%	3.6%
No, and am not seeking employment		7.7%	9.4%	7.3%	7.2%

3. How would you classify your current primary employer?

Self - employed or private practice		2.8%	13.8%	2.2%	4.9%
Business	75.0%	5.6%	20.7%	34.8%	26.8%
Professional firm				6.5%	2.4%
College or university		2.8%	3.4%	4.3%	3.3%
Elementary/secondary school		75.0%	24.1%	17.4%	34.1%
Health agency	16.7%	2.8%	3.4%	8.7%	6.5%
Federal, state, or local government			13.8%	8.7%	6.5%
Armed services					
Non-Profit		2.8%	13.8%	10.9%	8.1%
Other	8.3%	8.3%	6.9%	6.5%	7.3%

4. How satisfied are you with your current job?

Very satisfied	8.3%	52.8%	24.1%	33.3%	34.4%
Satisfied	75.0%	33.3%	34.5%	39.6%	40.0%
Somewhat satisfied	16.7%	11.1%	31.0%	16.7%	18.4%
Somewhat dissatisfied		2.8%	6.9%	8.3%	5.6%
Dissatisfied			3.4%	2.1%	1.6%
Very dissatisfied					

5. How closely related is your current job to your degree from NEIU?

Closely Related	41.7%	77.8%	17.2%	49.0%	49.2%
Related	33.3%	11.1%	41.4%	28.6%	27.0%
Unrelated	25.0%	11.1%	41.4%	22.4%	23.8%
If "unrelated", is this by choice?					
Yes	100.0%	75.0%	75.0%	60.0%	71.4%
No		25.0%	25.0%	40.0%	28.6%

6. For how many different employers have you worked since you earned your degree from NEIU?

One	41.7%	38.9%	55.2%	36.7%	42.1%
Two	50.0%	33.3%	20.7%	34.7%	32.5%
Three to six	8.3%	27.8%	20.7%	24.5%	23.0%
More than six			3.4%	4.1%	2.4%

7. What is your annual earned income before taxes in your current job?

Mean	\$54,375	\$39,247	\$46,761	\$43,845	\$43,977
Median	\$52,500	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$42,000	\$42,000
Minimum	\$40,000	\$15,000	\$9,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
Maximum	\$87,000	\$65,000	\$100,000	\$80,000	\$100,000

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Section II: Education

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

Yes	16.7%	28.2%	25.0%	32.7%	28.3%
No	83.3%	71.8%	75.0%	67.3%	71.7%

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

Associate's			12.5%	5.3%	5.0%
Second Bachelor's				5.3%	2.5%
Academic Master's		90.9%	37.5%	36.8%	50.0%
Professional Master's	50.0%		37.5%	36.8%	27.5%
Medicine					
Health Professional					
Theology					
Law					
Doctorate			12.5%		2.5%
Other	50.0%	9.1%		15.8%	12.5%

2. Are you currently pursuing a postsecondary degree program?

Yes, full-time		7.7%		10.9%	6.5%
Yes, part-time	16.7%	38.5%	15.6%	10.9%	20.3%
No	83.3%	53.8%	84.4%	78.2%	73.2%

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

Associate's					
Second Bachelor's					
Academic Master's	50.0%	64.7%	80.0%	58.3%	63.9%
Professional Master's	50.0%	23.5%	20.0%		16.7%
Medicine					
Health Professional					
Theology				8.3%	2.8%
Law					
Doctorate		5.9%		16.7%	8.3%
Other		5.9%		16.7%	8.3%

Section III: Student Satisfaction

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

Strongly positive	8.3%	23.1%	37.5%	32.7%	29.0%
Positive	75.0%	64.1%	40.6%	43.6%	51.4%
Somewhat positive	16.7%	10.3%	18.8%	14.5%	14.5%
Somewhat negative		2.6%	3.1%	5.5%	3.6%
Negative					
Strongly Negative				3.6%	1.4%

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

Strongly positive	8.3%	38.5%	25.0%	40.0%	33.3%
Positive	75.0%	53.8%	53.1%	36.4%	48.6%
Somewhat positive	16.7%	5.1%	15.6%	12.7%	11.6%
Somewhat negative			6.3%	7.3%	4.3%
Negative					
Strongly negative		2.6%		3.6%	2.2%

3. From your current perspective, how well did your NEIU degree prepare you for the career path you are following?

Very well	8.3%	23.1%	21.9%	29.1%	23.9%
Well	50.0%	53.8%	25.0%	29.1%	37.0%
Adequately	33.3%	20.5%	50.0%	27.3%	31.2%
Inadequately	8.3%	2.6%	3.1%	9.1%	5.8%
Poorly				1.8%	0.7%
Very Poorly				3.6%	1.4%

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Section IV: Educational Effectiveness

1. ...helping you to develop your critical thinking ability?

Extremely	9.1%	10.3%	15.6%	21.8%	16.1%
Very	45.5%	48.7%	56.3%	40.0%	46.7%
Moderately	36.4%	35.9%	21.9%	25.5%	28.5%
Slightly	9.1%	2.6%	3.1%	7.3%	5.1%
Not helpful		2.6%	3.1%	5.5%	3.6%

2. ... helping you to develop your sense of ethics?

Extremely		15.4%	12.5%	20.0%	15.3%
Very	45.5%	38.5%	50.0%	27.3%	37.2%
Moderately	54.5%	35.9%	21.9%	34.5%	33.6%
Slightly		5.1%	12.5%	9.1%	8.0%
Not helpful		5.1%	3.1%	9.1%	5.8%

3. ... contributing to a greater understanding of people with different backgrounds, habits, values, appearances, and abilities?

Extremely	36.4%	30.8%	31.3%	32.7%	32.1%
Very	36.4%	51.3%	28.1%	38.2%	39.4%
Moderately	18.2%	12.8%	34.4%	16.4%	19.7%
Slightly			6.3%	5.5%	3.6%
Not helpful	9.1%	5.1%		7.3%	5.1%

4. ... helping you to become a more active citizen?

Extremely		17.9%	9.4%	18.2%	14.6%
Very	27.3%	28.2%	12.5%	20.0%	21.2%
Moderately	36.4%	28.2%	56.3%	30.9%	36.5%
Slightly	27.3%	20.5%	15.6%	18.2%	19.0%
Not helpful	9.1%	5.1%	6.3%	12.7%	8.8%

5. ... improving the quality of your life aside from financial benefits?

Extremely	9.1%	12.8%	18.8%	20.0%	16.8%
Very	54.5%	46.2%	31.3%	25.5%	35.0%
Moderately	18.2%	33.3%	43.8%	36.4%	35.8%
Slightly	9.1%	5.1%	3.1%	3.6%	4.4%
Not helpful	9.1%	2.6%	3.1%	14.5%	8.0%