

Northeastern Illinois University
Survey of 2003 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	170		227		220		516		1,133	
Total Survey Respondents	17		27		31		67		142	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Section I: Career Preparation and Employment Experiences										
1. Are you currently employed (including self-employed)?										
Yes, working full time	13	76.5%	25	92.6%	23	74.2%	50	75.8%	111	78.7%
Yes, working part time	2	11.8%	1	3.7%	2	6.5%	9	13.6%	14	9.9%
No, but am seeking employment			1	3.7%	3	9.7%	5	7.6%	9	6.4%
No, and am not seeking employment	2	11.8%			3	9.7%	2	3.0%	7	5.0%
3. How would you classify your current primary employer?										
Self - employed or private practice	5	33.3%			4	16.7%	2	3.4%	11	8.8%
Business	8	53.3%	3	11.1%	5	20.8%	14	23.7%	30	24.0%
Professional firm					1	4.2%	3	5.1%	4	3.2%
College or university	1	6.7%			3	12.5%	1	1.7%	5	4.0%
Elementary/secondary school			21	77.8%	4	16.7%	8	13.6%	33	26.4%
Health agency	1	6.7%			1	4.2%	8	13.6%	10	8.0%
Federal, state, or local government			2	7.4%	4	16.7%	9	15.3%	15	12.0%
Armed services										
Non-Profit					1	4.2%	12	20.3%	13	10.4%
Other			1	3.7%	1	4.2%	2	3.4%	4	3.2%
4. How satisfied are you with your current job?										
Very satisfied	3	20.0%	9	34.6%	5	21.7%	15	25.9%	32	26.2%
Satisfied	5	33.3%	14	53.8%	10	43.5%	20	34.5%	49	40.2%
Somewhat satisfied	7	46.7%	2	7.7%	6	26.1%	12	20.7%	27	22.1%
Somewhat dissatisfied					2	8.7%	6	10.3%	8	6.6%
Dissatisfied							2	3.4%	2	1.6%
Very dissatisfied			1	3.8%			3	5.2%	4	3.3%
5. How closely related is your current job to your degree from NEIU?										
Closely Related	4	26.7%	16	59.3%	5	20.8%	30	50.8%	55	44.0%
Related	7	46.7%	6	22.2%	10	41.7%	10	16.9%	33	26.4%
Unrelated	4	26.7%	5	18.5%	9	37.5%	19	32.2%	37	29.6%
If "unrelated", is this by choice?										
Yes	2	50.0%	4	75.0%	4	44.4%	12	63.2%	22	59.5%
No	2	50.0%	1	25.0%	4	44.4%	7	36.8%	14	37.8%
No Response					1	11.1%			1	2.7%
6. For how many different employers have you worked since you earned your degree from NEIU?										
One	8	53.3%	12	44.4%	11	44.0%	24	40.0%	55	43.3%
Two	5	33.3%	12	44.4%	7	28.0%	20	33.3%	44	34.6%
Three to six	2	13.3%	3	11.1%	7	28.0%	16	26.7%	28	22.0%
More than six										
7. What is your annual earned income before taxes in your current job?										
Mean	\$66,615		\$45,328		\$61,098		\$33,125		\$49,924	
Median	\$65,000		\$45,000		\$50,000		\$40,000		\$45,000	
Minimum	\$15,000		\$22,000		\$12,000		\$2,500		\$2,500	
Maximum	\$175,000		\$102,864		\$135,000		\$100,000		\$175,000	

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8. Current Occupation										
Management			1	4.0%	2	8.0%	6	10.2%	9	7.3%
Business Operations	1	7.1%	1	4.0%	2	8.0%	1	1.7%	5	4.1%
Financial Specialists	6	42.9%			1	4.0%	3	5.1%	10	8.1%
Computer Specialists	2	14.3%			1	4.0%	9	15.3%	12	9.8%
Mathematical Scientists and Technicians										
Architects, Surveyors, and Cartographers										
Engineers and Related Technicians										
Life and Physical Scientists and Technicians							2	3.4%	2	1.6%
Social Scientists					1	4.0%			1	0.8%
Health: Doctors										
Health: Registered Nurses										
Health: Therapists	1	7.1%							1	0.8%
Health: Other Health ,Support Workers					2	8.0%	2	3.4%	4	3.3%
Community and Social Service					1	4.0%	11	18.6%	12	9.8%
Legal: Attorneys/Judges					1	4.0%	1	1.7%	2	1.6%
Legal: Legal Support Workers										
Education : Early Childhood Teachers			1	4.0%	1	4.0%	1	1.7%	3	2.4%
Education: Elementary School Teachers			14	56.0%					14	11.4%
Education: Middle School Teachers			4	16.0%			2	3.4%	6	4.9%
Education: Secondary School Teachers							6	10.2%	6	4.9%
Education: Special Education Teachers			2	8.0%	2	8.0%			4	3.3%
Education: Other, except Administrators					1	4.0%			1	0.8%
Library Occupations					1	4.0%	1	1.7%	2	1.6%
Arts and Design Workers										
Entertainers, Performers, Sports							1	1.7%	1	0.8%
Media and Communication Workers										
Sales	3	21.4%			4	16.0%	2	3.4%	9	7.3%
Office and Administration			2	8.0%	3	12.0%	3	5.1%	8	6.5%
Protective Services					2	8.0%	1	1.7%	3	2.4%
Food Preparation and Serving							2	3.4%	2	1.6%
Cleaning and Maintenance										
Personal Care and Services							1	1.7%	1	0.8%
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry							1	1.7%	1	0.8%
Construction and Extractive										
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair										
Production										
Transportation and Material Moving	1	7.1%					2	3.4%	3	2.4%
Military							1	1.7%	1	0.8%

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Section II: Education

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

Yes	5	29.4%	9	33.3%	8	25.8%	22	32.8%	44	31.0%
No	12	70.6%	18	66.7%	23	74.2%	45	67.2%	98	69.0%

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

Associate's										
Second Bachelor's							3	13.6%	3	6.8%
Academic Master's	2	40.0%	7	77.8%	3	37.5%	12	54.5%	24	54.5%
Professional Master's	2	40.0%	2	22.2%	4	50.0%	6	27.3%	14	31.8%
Medicine										
Health Professional										
Theology										
Law					1	12.5%			1	2.3%
Doctorate										
Other	1	20.0%					1	4.5%	2	4.5%

2. Are you currently pursuing a postsecondary degree program?

Yes, full-time			2	7.7%	4	12.9%	2	3.0%	8	5.7%
Yes, part-time	3	17.6%	4	15.4%	4	12.9%	16	24.2%	27	19.3%
No	14	82.4%	20	76.9%	23	74.2%	48	72.7%	105	75.0%

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

Associate's										
Second Bachelor's	1	33.3%					1	5.6%	2	5.7%
Academic Master's	1	33.3%	5	83.3%	5	62.5%	9	50.0%	20	57.1%
Professional Master's	1	33.3%			1	12.5%	6	33.3%	8	22.9%
Medicine										
Health Professional										
Theology							1	5.6%	1	2.9%
Law							1	5.6%	1	2.9%
Doctorate			1	16.7%	1	12.5%			2	5.7%
Other					1	12.5%			1	2.9%

Section III: Student Satisfaction

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

Strongly positive	4	23.5%	8	29.6%	13	41.9%	27	40.3%	52	36.6%
Positive	7	41.2%	12	44.4%	13	41.9%	27	40.3%	59	41.5%
Somewhat positive	4	23.5%	5	18.5%	5	16.1%	8	11.9%	22	15.5%
Somewhat negative	2	11.8%	1	3.7%			2	3.0%	5	3.5%
Negative			1	3.7%			3	4.5%	4	2.8%
Strongly Negative										

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

Strongly positive	4	23.5%	14	51.9%	13	41.9%	31	46.3%	62	43.7%
Positive	8	47.1%	9	33.3%	11	35.5%	27	40.3%	55	38.7%
Somewhat positive	2	11.8%	3	11.1%	3	9.7%	6	9.0%	14	9.9%
Somewhat negative	3	17.6%			3	9.7%	2	3.0%	8	5.6%
Negative			1	3.7%	1	3.2%	1	1.5%	3	2.1%
Strongly negative										

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

Very well	1	5.9%	9	33.3%	6	19.4%	18	26.9%	34	23.9%
Well	6	35.3%	9	33.3%	10	32.3%	25	37.3%	50	35.2%
Adequately	6	35.3%	7	25.9%	12	38.7%	14	20.9%	39	27.5%
Inadequately	2	11.8%	1	3.7%	3	9.7%	8	11.9%	14	9.9%
Poorly	1	5.9%					2	3.0%	3	2.1%
Very Poorly	1	5.9%	1	3.7%					2	1.4%

Section IV: Educational Effectiveness

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

Extremely	2	11.8%	5	18.5%	9	29.0%	24	35.8%	40	28.2%
Very	6	35.3%	13	48.1%	18	58.1%	28	41.8%	65	45.8%
Moderately	6	35.3%	8	29.6%	4	12.9%	14	20.9%	32	22.5%
Slightly	1	5.9%	1	3.7%					2	1.4%
Not helpful	2	11.8%					1	1.5%	3	2.1%

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

Extremely	1	5.9%	4	14.8%	8	25.8%	20	29.9%	33	23.2%
Very	6	35.3%	9	33.3%	10	32.3%	27	40.3%	52	36.6%
Moderately	9	52.9%	11	40.7%	10	32.3%	14	20.9%	44	31.0%
Slightly	1	5.9%	2	7.4%	3	9.7%	2	3.0%	8	5.6%
Not helpful			1	3.7%			4	6.0%	5	3.5%

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

Extremely	4	23.5%	6	22.2%	12	38.7%	37	55.2%	59	41.5%
Very	10	58.8%	13	48.1%	13	41.9%	21	31.3%	57	40.1%
Moderately	3	17.6%	5	18.5%	4	12.9%	7	10.4%	19	13.4%
Slightly			2	7.4%	2	6.5%			4	2.8%
Not helpful			1	3.7%			2	3.0%	3	2.1%

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

Extremely			2	7.4%	7	22.6%	16	23.9%	25	17.6%
Very	7	41.2%	10	37.0%	13	41.9%	22	32.8%	52	36.6%
Moderately	5	29.4%	7	25.9%	7	22.6%	23	34.3%	42	29.6%
Slightly	4	23.5%	6	22.2%	2	6.5%	3	4.5%	15	10.6%
Not helpful	1	5.9%	2	7.4%	2	6.5%	3	4.5%	8	5.6%

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

Extremely	1	5.9%	4	14.8%	11	35.5%	19	28.4%	35	24.6%
Very	6	35.3%	10	37.0%	10	32.3%	23	34.3%	49	34.5%
Moderately	5	29.4%	8	29.6%	7	22.6%	20	29.9%	40	28.2%
Slightly	3	17.6%	2	7.4%	2	6.5%	3	4.5%	10	7.0%
Not helpful	2	11.8%	3	11.1%	1	3.2%	2	3.0%	8	5.6%