Class of 2011 Graduate Survey
Summary Report May 2012

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2011 Graduate Survey

In February of 2012, graduates from the Mount Mercy University class of 2011 were invited to participate in the annual, follow-up survey of graduates, designed to gather demographic information as well as employment and graduate school information.

All graduates from the graduation dates of December 19, 2010; February 6, 2011; May 22 and May 29, 2011 and August 21, 2011 were contacted via email announcements and distributed the link to the on-line survey. A drawing for five VISA cards was used as an incentive to complete the survey in a timely manner.

A total of four email invitations were sent to 412 graduates yielding 114 responses (27.7% response rate). The survey closed on April 30, 2012.

NOTABLE OBSERVATIONS

- Of those graduates responding, 25% were accelerated program graduates; 17% were graduate program graduates and 58% were traditional program graduates. These response rates mirror the actual make-up of the graduating class relatively close.

- Over three-quarters (79%) of traditional program graduates responding reported participation in field experience, practicum, student teaching,
nursing clinical or an internship. Of the traditional graduates participating, 85% received credit for their experience.

• Of those responding, only 5.3% reported they are currently unemployed and seeking employment; 67.6% reported being currently fulltime employed; 11.6% reported being employed part time; 13.5% reported status as being enrolled in graduate school; 2% are currently unemployed but not seeking employment. For the purpose of surveys: 92.7% of graduates report either being employed or going to graduate school within 9 months of graduation. 81.1% report either being employed fulltime or going to graduate school.

• Over half of the graduates (58%) reported entering new jobs after graduation and an additional 21% reported continuing with the same organization but in a new position.

• 75% of graduate program graduates, 28.6% of accelerated program graduates and 72.7% of traditional program graduates report having participated in at least one volunteer project while at Mount Mercy.
SURVEY RESULTS

Respondent Majors (includes 19 double majors)

Number of Respondents (includes double majors)
What is your current age?
Under 25 – 47  25-34 years – 31  35+ years – 35

While enrolled at Mount Mercy my program was:
Traditional – 65  ADVANCE adult accelerated- 27  Graduate – 19

While attending Mount Mercy my student status was primarily:
Full time – 83  Part time – 30

Did you participate in social work field placements, student teaching experiences, and/or nursing clinicals/preceptorships?
Yes – 32  No – 81

Did you participate in an internship for another major/minor?
Yes – 24  No – 87

How many volunteer/community service projects did you participate in as a Mount Mercy Student?
None: 42  1-2: 34  3-5: 23  6-10: 6  more than 10: 5

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<th>How well did your Mount Mercy Education prepare you to:</th>
<th>Very Well</th>
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<td>Be concerned about world problems?</td>
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<td>Understand the value of service?</td>
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What is your current employment status?
Full time – 83
Part time – 13
Unemployed/seeking – 3
Unemployed/not seeking – 3
Other – 9
Other please specify – 17

If employed which best describes your current position?
Same job as when I was a student – 21
Same organization – different position – 21
Different organization – 58

If different job or organization, when did you secure this position?
Prior to graduation – 15
1-6 months after graduation – 51
7-9 months after graduation – 6
Over 9 months after graduation – 5

To what extent is your current position the type of job you expected after graduation?
Very much – 50
Somewhat - 33
Not at all – 18
Not sure – 2

Are you currently enrolled in graduate or professional school?
Yes – 14
No – 94

In not currently enrolled in graduate or professional school, what are your plans?
Attend within 1-5 years – 28
Attend in 5+ years – 4
No plans – 20
Undecided – 36
How important do you feel career development services are to students like yourself?
Very important – 71  Somewhat important – 32  Not important – 5  Don’t know – 1

While a student at Mount Mercy, what career services did you utilize:
Help with my resume – 60
Interviewing skills – 28
Finding a job or internship – 27
Applying to graduate/professional school – 9
Career exploration/counseling – 18
Attended a campus career fair – 25
Took a class – 15
None – 33

Top Ten Employers for 2011 Graduate Class:
St. Luke's Hospital 6
Rockwell Collins 5
AEGON 4
Mount Mercy University 4
Mercy Medical Center 3
University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics 3
Go Daddy 2
Integrated DNA Technologies 2
Linn Mar School District 2
Yellowbook 2

Current Address of Respondents:
Out of State: 9    Iowa - 100
Number of Respondents and Current Location

- Alburnett IA
- Ames IA
- Atkins IA
- Baldwin IA
- Cascade IA
- Cedar Falls IA
- Cedar Rapids IA
- Central City IA
- Chatfield MN
- Chicago IL
- Clear Lake IA
- Coggon IA
- Coralville IA
- Davenport IA
- Des Moines IA
- Elma IA
- Ely IA
- Fairfax IA
- Greencastle IN
- Hawthorn CA
- Hiawatha IA
- Indianapolis IN
- Inglewood CA
- Iowa City IA
- Jacksonville FL
- Lisbon IA
- Marion IA
- Masonville IA
- Monticello IA
- Mount Vernon IA
- North Liberty IA
- Oelwein IA
- Olin IA
- Omaha NE
- Raymond IA
- Riverside IA
- Robins IA
- Scotch Grove IA
- Swisher IA
- Tiffin IA
- Van Horne IA
- Walker IA
- Wapello IA
- Wilmington CA

Total respondents: 43