

Nursing Undergraduate Alumni Survey 1997 & 2002



Methodology

The Nursing Alumni Survey was designed to provide a snapshot of the career paths of alumni who had graduated with a BSN degree in the Classes of 1997 and 2002. Paper surveys and emails were sent to alumni from these classes. Alumni were asked to return the survey to Career Services or complete an online version of the survey. A total of 64 surveys were returned.

Response Rates

Class Year	1997	2002
Total Surveys Mailed	108	98
Number of Responses	30	34
Response Rate	27.8%	34.7%

Current Pursuits of Graduates

Respondents were placed into categories describing their current primary pursuit. Respondents who were employed full-time and simultaneously attending graduate school were categorized as Employed Full-Time. Individuals working at least 30 hours per week were considered full-time. Those working fewer than 30 hours were considered part-time. (A few respondents did not provide sufficient information to determine their status.)

Pursuit	All	1997	2002
Employed Full-Time	58 (90.6%)	28 (93.3%)	30 (88.2%)
Graduate School	3 (4.7%)	1 (3.3%)	2 (5.9%)
Unknown	3 (4.7%)	1 (3.3%)	2 (5.9%)

Postgraduate Education Pursuits

Educational Attainment

This chart shows the educational attainment. Percentages include alumni who completed their degree as well as those enrolled in a graduate program at the time of survey completion. The most popular advanced degree was clearly an MSN, but a variety of other graduate degrees were also pursued.

Degree Attained	All	1997	2002
Bachelors Only	22 (34.3%)	10 (33.3%)	12 (35.3%)
MSN	28 (43.7%)	12 (40.0%)	16 (47.1%)
MD	2 (3.1%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (5.9%)
Law	1 (1.6%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (2.9%)
MPH	1 (1.6%)	1 (3.3%)	0 (0.0%)
MBA	1 (1.6%)	1 (3.3%)	0 (0.0%)
MDiv	1 (1.6%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (2.9%)
MSN/MBA	1 (1.6%)	1 (3.3%)	0 (0.0%)
MSN/PhD Nursing	2 (3.1%)	1 (3.3%)	1 (2.9%)
MPH/PhD Health Policy	1 (1.6%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (2.9%)
PhD Nursing	2 (3.1%)	2 (6.7%)	0 (0.0%)
PhD Other	1 (1.6%)	1 (3.3%)	0 (0.0%)
Other (Certificate, Professional Designation, non-degree courses etc.)	1 (1.6%)	1 (3.3%)	0 (0.0%)

Industries, Job Functions and Salaries of Respondents

Industries Employing Nursing Alumni

The adjacent graph indicates the percent of respondents working in various industries. Not surprisingly, the largest percentage of Nursing alumni is employed in the health care industry. The table below provides a more detailed breakdown by industry for each specific class year.

Industry	All	1997	2002
Health Care	46 (71.9%)	21 (70.0%)	25 (73.5%)
Higher Education	5 (7.8%)	2 (6.7%)	3 (8.8%)
Government	2 (3.1%)	2 (6.7%)	0 (0.0%)
Pharmaceutical/Biotech	2 (3.1%)	2 (6.7%)	0 (0.0%)
Consulting	1 (1.6%)	1 (3.3%)	0 (0.0%)
Other	2 (3.1%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (5.9%)
Unknown	6 (9.4%)	2 (6.7%)	4 (11.8%)

Job Functions of Nursing Alumni

While advanced practice and clinical nursing are the most popular job functions of Nursing graduates, alumni are dispersed in other job categories. The chart below indicates the percentage of respondents working in each particular job function.

Job Function	All	1997	2002
Advanced Practice Nursing	16 (25.0%)	8 (26.7%)	8 (23.5%)
Other Clinical Nursing	22 (34.4%)	8 (26.7%)	14 (41.2%)
Management/Administration	8 (12.5%)	6 (20.0%)	2 (5.9%)
Research	5 (7.8%)	2 (6.7%)	3 (8.8%)
Teaching/Faculty	2 (3.1%)	2 (6.7%)	0 (0.0%)
Consulting	2 (3.1%)	2 (6.7%)	0 (0.0%)
Other	2 (3.1%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (5.9%)
Unknown	7 (10.9%)	2 (6.7%)	5 (14.7%)

Salaries of Nursing Alumni

The following applies to those who reported salary and were employed full-time (30 hours per week or more). (* less than two salaries reported)

Overall Salary Information	1997	2002
Average Salary	\$85,217	\$68,522
Median Salary	\$85,000	\$65,000
Salary Range	\$30,000 - \$150,000	\$37,440 - \$104,000

Average Salary by Job Function	1997	2002
Advanced Practice Nursing	\$86,250	\$78,167
Other Clinical Nursing	*	\$67,503
Management/Administration	\$86,452	\$84,500
Research	\$37,500	\$49,513
Teaching/Faculty	*	*
Consulting	\$123,000	*