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## Career Development Services: Results from Graduating Student Surveys

Prior to the start of each FGCU Commencement ceremony, graduating students can participate in a survey about their employment, educational status, and future plans. Below are the survey results of Bachelor degree candidates from the last four graduating classes.

What is your current employment status ? (at time of Commencement)	Spring 2009	Fall 2009	Spring 2010	Fall 2010
Employed full-time	35.0%	40.8%	30.4%	49.9%
Employed part-time	34.5%	36.7%	39.3%	25.6%
Not employed – just completed field experience/internship	15.4%	11.3%	13.3%	10.1%
Not employed	15.1%	11.3%	17.0%	14.4%

Full-time employment defined as 30+ hrs/wk  
Part-time employment defined as less than 30 hrs/wk  
Survey items rounded to the tenth percentage. Consequently, some column totals may not equal 100%.  
\* Other – includes military service, starting/raising a family, volunteer activities, and additional undergraduate coursework.

After graduation, do you plan on staying in SW Florida to begin or continue your career?	Spring 2009	Fall 2009	Spring 2010	Fall 2010
Yes	55.7%	52.4%	53.5%	52.5%
No	22.3%	26.3%	25.4%	23.6%
Unsure	22.0%	21.3%	21.1%	23.9%

What is most likely to be your PRINCIPAL activity upon graduation?	Spring 2009	Fall 2009	Spring 2010	Fall 2010
Full-time Employment	61.8%	67.0%	62.9%	71.4%
Part-time Employment	3.2%	4.8%	4.6%	2.4%
Grad School Full-time	24.3%	18.6%	25.2%	17.9%
Grad School Part-time	4.8%	6.9%	3.4%	4.2%
Other*	5.8%	2.7%	3.9%	4.2%

## We're Moving!

Career Development Services is relocating to the first floor of the Student Union in May 2011.

For comments or suggestions regarding this issue, please contact:

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## FGCU Graduates: Employment and Earnings

The majority of FGCU graduates remain in Florida, at least initially, after graduation. The rate at which graduates have obtained employment in Florida and their average salaries within one year of graduation continues to be high. According to data collected by the Florida Department of Education\*, FGCU graduates rank favorably in relation to graduates from the ten other state universities who remain in the state of Florida to work. For more information about FETPIP or to view the State University Reports, go to: <http://www.fldoe.org/fetpip/sus.asp>

Bachelor Degrees							
Year	Graduates	% Employed in FL	SUS Avg.	SUS Rank	Avg. Salary	SUS Avg.	SUS Rank
2008-2009	1,330	69%	60%	#2	\$37,160	\$36,440	#3
2007-2008	1,204	72%	62%	#2	\$36,872	\$37,352	#7*
2006-2007	1,010	74%	64%	#2	\$38,412	\$37,532	#3
2005-2006	853	77%	68%	#1	\$37,468	\$36,652	#3
2004-2005	829	75%	66%	#2	\$36,220	\$35,420	#2

\*Four schools, including FGCU, within \$285 range in annual salary

Master Degrees							
Year	Graduates	% Employed in FL	SUS Avg.	SUS Rank	Avg. Salary	SUS Avg.	SUS Rank
2008-2009	298	77%	59%	#2	\$57,876	\$57,732	#4
2007-2008	264	81%	60%	#1	\$55,072	\$57,148	#3
2006-2007	270	81%	61%	#1	\$67,540	\$56,744	#1
2005-2006	241	79%	66%	#1	\$62,356	\$53,648	#1
2004-2005	246	79%	80%	#1	\$66,656	\$50,200	#1

(All data is collected within one year of graduation.  
Salary data represents earnings of only those graduates who were employed full-time during the 4th quarter of year.)

\* The Florida Department of Education administers a data reporting system called FETPIP, or Florida Education and Training Placement Information Program. FETPIP collects data that describes the employment rates and earnings of Florida university graduates who remain in the state of Florida.

### Where is the Class of 2000-2001?

We thought it would be interesting to see if FGCU graduates from ten years ago – students from the Fall 2000 and Spring 2001 graduating classes - were still in Florida. The FETPIP staff ran a report to see how many were employed in the state of Florida as of Fall 2009, which was the most current data available. Of the 434 Bachelor graduates and 186 Master graduates, 79% and 85% were employed in Florida, respectively. Below is a breakdown of the number of graduates from each program and percentage of those students employed in Florida.

<b>Accounting</b> Bachelor – 26 (85%) Master – 9 (89%)	<b>Criminal Justice Studies</b> Bachelor – 44 (75%)	<b>Health Science</b> Bachelor – 14 (50%) Master – 7 (86%)	<b>Computer Info Systems</b> Bachelor – 27 (81%) Master – 5 (80%)	<b>Public Administration</b> Master – 8 (88%)
<b>Management</b> Bachelor – 27 (74%) Master – 45 (78%)	<b>Curriculum &amp; Instruction</b> Master – 36 (92%)	<b>Human Services</b> Bachelor – 24 (75%)	<b>Nursing</b> Bachelor – 35 (83%)	<b>Secondary Education</b> Bachelor – 12 (75%)
<b>Marketing</b> Bachelor – 9 (78%)	<b>Education Leadership</b> Master – 11 (91%)	<b>Liberal Studies</b> Bachelor – 65 (60%)	<b>Occupational Therapy</b> Bachelor – 19 (79%)	<b>Social Work</b> Master – 16 (94%)
<b>Counselor Education</b> Master – 13 (100%)	<b>Elementary Teacher Ed.</b> Bachelor – 65 (92%) Master – 8 (88%)	<b>Clinical Lab Science</b> Bachelor – 14 (79%)	<b>Physical Therapy</b> Master – 12 (67%)	<b>Special Education</b> Bachelor – 19 (84%) Master – 16 (81%)
	<b>Finance</b> Bachelor – 19 (95%)		<b>Early Childhood Ed</b> Bachelor – 15 (100%)	

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