

# **Career Services Alumni Survey Report**

## **Rueckert-Hartman College for Health Professions**

### **2011 Graduates**

#### **Summary**

Career Services conducted a survey of the Rueckert-Hartman College for Health Professions (RHCHP) 2011 graduates during the spring of 2012, to ascertain their employment and graduate education status after graduation. A list of the RHCHP 2011 graduates was obtained from the Academic Records/Registration Department. That list contained the names of 770 graduates, along with pertinent contact information needed to proceed with the survey.

The first stage of the survey involved sending email messages to each of the alumni on the survey list requesting their participation in taking the online survey. The email message included a link to the survey, which was designed to be completed in less than five minutes. The survey questionnaire was very similar to the one used for the survey concurrently conducted of the Regis College 2011 graduates. However, there were some differences based on revisions suggested by RHCHP administrators and faculty. The survey was generated through StudentVoice, a vendor that Regis University's Student Life Division has contracted with to provide a platform and advisory resources for surveys of students and alumni.

The initial email request was followed by a second email request to those alumni who had not taken the survey. A total of 158 alumni took the survey in response to both email requests, which represented about 21% of the total number of alumni solicited. While this response rate is considered respectable for survey requests that are solicited by email requests, we intended to increase the response rate by proceeding with a second stage of the survey that solicited participation using computer assisted telephone interviews (CATI). This is the same procedure we followed in surveying the Regis College 2009, 2010, and 2011 graduates.

We engaged Resolution Research & Marketing, Inc. (Resolution Research) to conduct the CATI second stage of the survey, the same company we used for the Regis College 2009, 2010, and 2011 graduate surveys. Resolution Research is located in Denver, Colorado and has been engaged in this business for more than 20 years, with high-profile clients that included major colleges and universities. Through the efforts of Resolution Research, an additional 242 alumni took the survey, giving us a total of 400 respondents, representing a survey response rate of about 52%.

## **Key Survey Results**

Some of the key results of the survey include the following information (the percentages shown below reflect the responses to the question indicated; some respondents did not answer every question):

- When was your first job after graduation obtained?
  - 55.45% of the respondents obtained their first job before graduation.
  - 96.06% of the respondents obtained their first job within six months after graduation.
  
- How related was the first job after graduation to the respondent's academic major?
  - 98.03% of the respondents reported that their first job was very or somewhat related to their academic major.
  
- What was the salary range for your first job after graduation?
  - 61.93% of the respondents reported a salary of more than \$50,000.
  - 21% reported a salary of more than \$80,000.
  
- How did you obtain your first job after graduation?
  - 19.17% reported obtaining their first job after graduation through a previous position/internship. This represented the most productive source among all of those surveyed.
  - 17.62% reported obtaining their first job after graduation through a personal contact/networking. This represented the second most productive source among all of those surveyed.
  
- What is your current status?
  - 83.54% of the respondents reported being either employed full- or part-time, or self-employed.
  - 3.69% reported attending graduate school.
  - 7.37% reported being not employed, but still seeking employment.

A more detailed breakdown of the data collected for each of these questions is contained in the Appendix attached to this report. This Appendix includes the subcategories for each of the foregoing questions.

### Career Services Alumni Survey – 2011 Graduates of RHCHP

Q5. Please indicate the degree(s) you received when you graduated from Regis University: (Check all that apply)			
Count	Respondent %	Response %	
269	66.58%	63.15%	Bachelor's
4	0.99%	0.94%	Certificate
100	24.75%	23.47%	Master's
52	12.87%	12.21%	Doctorate
1	0.25%	0.23%	Other (please specify)
404	Respondents		
426	Responses		

Q6. Please indicate the program(s) for the degree you received: (Check all that apply)			
Count	Respondent %	Response %	
58	14.36%	13.74%	Traditional Undergraduate BSN
106	26.24%	25.12%	Accelerated Undergraduate BSN
14	3.47%	3.32%	Choice Undergraduate BSN
52	12.87%	12.32%	RN to BSN
22	5.45%	5.21%	RN to MSN
39	9.65%	9.24%	MS, Nursing Leadership
32	7.92%	7.58%	MS, Nursing Education
10	2.48%	2.37%	Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
8	1.98%	1.90%	Family Nurse Practitioner
0	0.00%	0.00%	Doctorate of Nursing Practice, Leadership
0	0.00%	0.00%	Doctorate of Nursing Practice, Nurse Practitioner
31	7.67%	7.35%	Doctorate of Physical Therapy
15	3.71%	3.55%	Transitional Doctorate of Physical Therapy
0	0.00%	0.00%	Doctorate of Pharmacy
5	1.24%	1.18%	BS, Health Information Management
10	2.48%	2.37%	BS, Healthcare Administration
0	0.00%	0.00%	MS, Health Informatics and Health Information Management
5	1.24%	1.18%	MS, Health Services Administration
15	3.71%	3.55%	Other (please specify)
404	Respondents		
422	Responses		

Q8. Salary range of your <u>first job</u> after graduation (optional):			
Count	Percent		
15	5.34%	Less than \$30,000	
27	9.61%	\$30,001 to \$40,000	
65	23.13%	\$40,001 to \$50,000	
52	18.51%	\$50,001 to \$60,000	
63	22.42%	\$60,001 to \$80,000	
47	16.73%	\$80,001 to \$100,000	
12	4.27%	More than \$100,000	
281	Respondents		

Q9. How related was your first job after graduation to your academic major?		
Count	Percent	

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**Q9. How related was your first job after graduation to your academic major?**

Count	Percent	
267	87.83%	Very related
31	10.20%	Somewhat related
6	1.97%	Not at all related
304		Respondents

**Q10. If you were employed in a health-related field while in school, did your job change after receiving your degree? (Check all that apply)**

Count	Respondent %	Response %	
78	22.35%	17.41%	More pay
85	24.36%	18.97%	Job title change
53	15.19%	11.83%	Promotion
124	35.53%	27.68%	Job did not change
108	30.95%	24.11%	I was not employed in a health-related field while in school.
349			Respondents
448			Responses

**Q11. When was your first job after graduation obtained?**

Count	Percent	
183	55.45%	Before graduation
91	27.58%	1-3 months after graduation
43	13.03%	4-6 months after graduation
10	3.03%	7-9 months after graduation
1	0.30%	10-12 months after graduation
2	0.61%	More than 12 months after graduation
330		Respondents

**Q12. Your first job after graduation was obtained through: (Check all that apply)**

Count	Respondent %	Response %	
4	1.34%	1.04%	Alumni connection
1	0.33%	0.26%	CareerLink
0	0.00%	0.00%	On-Campus Recruiting/Connections
14	4.68%	3.63%	Referral by Faculty
74	24.75%	19.17%	Previous Position/Internship
3	1.00%	0.78%	Career Fair
6	2.01%	1.55%	Classified Ad
1	0.33%	0.26%	Employment Agency
68	22.74%	17.62%	Personal Contact/Networking
134	44.82%	34.72%	Applied Directly to Organization
35	11.71%	9.07%	Internet
2	0.67%	0.52%	Self-employment
44	14.72%	11.40%	Other(please specify)
299			Respondents
386			Responses

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Q13. How did you use Career Services, if at all, while attending Regis University? (Check all that apply)			
Count	Respondent %	Response %	
28	7.39%	6.47%	Career counseling/assessment
88	23.22%	20.32%	Job search help (resume/cover letter/interview preparation/etc.)
15	3.96%	3.46%	On-Campus Workshops
30	7.92%	6.93%	Career Fairs/other Employer On-Campus Events
6	1.58%	1.39%	CareerLink
9	2.37%	2.08%	Information from Career Services Website
2	0.53%	0.46%	Career Options Class
255	67.28%	58.89%	I did not use Career Services.
379	Respondents		
433	Responses		

Q14. Current status: (Check all that apply)			
Count	Respondent %	Response %	
294	77.78%	72.24%	Employed full-time
44	11.64%	10.81%	Employed part-time
2	0.53%	0.49%	Self-employed
15	3.97%	3.69%	Attending graduate school
2	0.53%	0.49%	Fellowship or residency
3	0.79%	0.74%	Military service
30	7.94%	7.37%	Not employed, still seeking employment
4	1.06%	0.98%	Not employed, not seeking employment
13	3.44%	3.19%	Other (please specify)
378	Respondents		
407	Responses		