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School of Psychology, Family & Community – Graduate Programs Job Placement Information

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Seattle Pacific University’s School of Psychology, Family & Community 2014-15 Graduate Program Satisfaction and Job Placement Report

Program satisfaction and job placement information is provided for the following SPFC graduate programs:

- Clinical Psychology (PhD)
- Industrial/Organizational Psychology (MA and PhD)
- Marriage and Family Therapy (MS)

Clinical Psychology (PhD)

We survey our alumni annually. The 2015 summer survey covered 5 graduating cohorts: 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15. For each year the range was August grads through July grads.

We sent 66 surveys with a response rate of 53%. 91% of our alumni are employed within the field of psychology. 94% of those who are considered to be license-eligible (since most states require 1-2 years of postdoctoral clinical hours before licensure, we determine eligibility as > 2 years post-PhD) have their psychology license.

Industrial/Organizational Psychology (MA and PHD)

82% of our alumni acquire jobs related to I-O, and many of our current students are working or have internships while in the program. The graduates who are most successful in obtaining an I-O related job after they graduate are those who build their I-O experience during the program (e.g., take on class projects to work directly with local companies where they would like to be employed, find an internship to supplement their coursework, or work at an I-O- or HR-related job while they in the program).

Job titles of recent graduates include:

Human Resource Generalist, Organizational Development Consultant, Research Analyst, Training Specialist, Organizational Effectiveness Consultant, Recruiting Specialist, Talent Stewardship Specialist, Project Manager for Enterprise Training & Delivery, Career Development Advisor, HR Coordinator, and Diversity Specialist

Some of the companies our students and alumni are working with are:

Starbucks, Amazon, Microsoft, Boeing, Nintendo, Best Buy, T-Mobile, Grameen Foundation, The Gates Foundation, Seattle Children's, Port of Seattle, Comcast, Zillow, Nordstrom, Best Christian Workplaces Institute, ESPN, Costco, University of Washington, The College Success Foundation, Expedia, Keurig

Marriage and Family Therapy (MS)

Three separate surveys are conducted on MFT alumni: (1) An annual exit survey for all graduated students; 85% response rate. (2) An alumni survey three years post-graduation; response rate varies by year but on average is between 40-50%. (3) A follow-up survey on licensure and employment rate that follows graduates for eight years; 40-50% response rate.

Of those who responded to the survey:

- **Program Satisfaction:** Overall strength of the MFT program is measured annually in exit survey. From 2005-2016, over 99% of the respondents rated the program as “strong” to “very strong”.
- **Employment:** Of those who responded to the graduating student survey, 73% of June 2016 graduates are currently employed in an MFT-Related job (as of August 2016). 91% of those surveyed plan to pursue state licensure as an MFT. Of those responding to the survey, 100% of MFT grads from 2013 graduating cohort (3 year out alumni survey) are currently employed in an MFT-related profession.
- **Job Search:** 51.2% of program graduates obtained their first MFT-related job immediately following graduation; 26.7% within 1-3 months post-graduation; 10.5% in 6-12 months.

List of Employment Settings:

- Private Practice
- Youth and Family Services
- Community agency, for-profit
- Community agency, non-profit
- Residential Treatment
- Medical/Hospital Setting
- School Setting
- College/University
- Rehabilitative Facility
- Church Setting
- Doctoral Program

MFT Note: The Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education requires additional information be posted on program websites. Additional information on SPU’s Marriage and Family Therapy program may be found via this link: <http://spu.edu/academics/school-of-psychology-family-community/graduate-programs/marriage-and-family-therapy>