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Alumni Survey

Thirty-two alumni responded (of 55 surveys mailed; 58% response rate), who graduated from 1993 to 1998 from the M. S. Counseling Psychology Program at Frostburg State University. Sixteen percent were men (N=5), and 84% were women (N=26), with a mean age of 37. Ethnic group identification was 1 Native American or Alaskan Native, 1 Hispanic/Latino and 30 White.

Employment

- 97% were employed. 68% of them full-time; 26% of these with two or three positions.
- 93.5% were employed in psychology-related positions.
- 77.4% obtained their first choice of employment positions.
- The gross incomes ranged from \$10,000 to above \$40,000: 19.3%, 71.0% and 9.7% of gross incomes were in \$10,000 -- \$24,999, \$25,000 -- \$34,999 and above \$40,000 range respectively. No significant difference was found in salary level by rural versus non-rural employment setting.
- 41.9%, 35.5% and 19.4% of respondents rated the job market as “fair”, “good” and “excellent”, respectively, for themselves.
- 29.0% obtained state certification/licensure.

Overall Program Evaluation

The following evaluations are based on scales from 1 (not effective at all, not helpful at all, etc.) to 7 (very effective, very helpful, etc.).

- How effective was the program in preparing to seek certification/licensure?

The mean was 5.3, N = 28.

- How effective was the program in preparing for further education at a master's or doctoral level?

The mean was 6.7, N = 6.

- How helpful was having a M.S. Counseling Psychology degree in finding a position?

The mean was 5.7, N = 30.

- How satisfied are/were you in your most recent employment position?

(Areas included were: salary, benefits, opportunities for promotion, opportunities for personal development, opportunities for recognition, supervision, co-workers, working conditions and overall employment status.) The area of least satisfaction was opportunities for promotion (mean 4.0) and the area of most satisfaction was with co-workers (mean 6.3).

- How does the education and experience received at FSU compare to your perception of your co-worker's degree preparation? (1 = poor preparation compared to co-workers; 7 = superior preparation compared to co-workers.)

The mean was 5.9, N = 32.

- How effective was FSU's program in fostering development of your counseling skills and techniques?

	(Mean,	SD)
Self-awareness	6.38	.75
Ability to interact with others	6.06	.80
Professional integrity	6.44	.72
Respect for others	6.41	.61
Sensitivity to the needs of others	6.44	.72
Interviewing	6.25	.72
Test administration/interpretation	5.13	1.56
Case communication/conceptualization	5.84	1.19
Group counseling	6.19	1.00
Family counseling	5.81	.86
Evaluation/using research findings	5.03	1.56
Receptivity to supervision	6.25	.98

- How effective was FSU's program in fostering development of your basic content area understanding in preparation for your subsequent endeavors?

	(Mean	SD)
Developmental processes	5.38	1.48
Personality and adjustment processes	6.06	1.11
Learning processes:		
Cognitive	5.97	1.20

Behavioral	6.13	.94
Affective	6.13	1.07
Interpersonal	6.09	1.06
Counseling processes	6.47	.67
Group dynamics	6.09	1.00
Family systems theory	5.94	.72
Statistics and research methodology	5.25	1.27
Professional, ethical and legal aspects	6.22	.87
Cultural and gender issues	5.63	1.01
Biological-psychological interactions	5.19	1.23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How helpful was the feedback you received from faculty at FSU? 		
	(Mean	SD)
Academic advising	6.00	1.05
Candidacy evaluation	5.75	1.41
Classwork and papers	6.22	.83
Class role plays	6.44	.76
End of Semester Evaluations	5.84	1.46
Internship supervision	6.25	1.02
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How effectively has the education at FSU enhanced employment opportunities? 		
The mean was 6.0, SD = 1.05, N = 32.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How closely related is your current job to the M.S. Counseling Psychology degree? 		

The mean was 5.6, $SD = 1.83$, $N = 32$.

- How helpful was the FSU internship in obtaining your current employment position?

The mean was 5.0, $SD = 2.0$, $N = 31$.

- 56.3% would study for a M.S. Counseling Psychology degree and 78.1% would attend FSU if they could start over again.