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**University Career Services**

**Undergraduate First Destination Report: Class of May 2017**
Executive Summary
Spring 2018

Introduction
Annually University Career Services (UCS) surveys May graduates receiving their bachelor’s degrees from UNC-Chapel Hill regarding their career fields, graduate/professional schools, employers, geographic locations, salaries, and other data. A total of 3,755 undergraduates earned a bachelor’s degree in May 2017. Out of this number of graduates, a total of 2351 outcomes were known (62.6%).

Methodology
The First Destination Survey data includes students who completed a bachelor’s degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in May 2017. The data collection began in March 2017 and concluded in December 2017. For students who indicated they were “still seeking” or “not seeking” employment as well as students who did not respond in the initial survey, several follow-up contacts were attempted throughout the remainder of 2017 to update the employment status to get a more complete summary of first destination outcomes. This timeframe also reflects the standard benchmark for national data collected by NACE.

Outcome information was collected via the following methods.

- Student surveys (hardcopy and electronic)
- Social media research (Live Alumni, LinkedIn)
- Employer feedback and surveys
- Departmental surveys
- Emails to graduates

Metrics
There are a number of standard metrics established by NACE to help evaluate the data collected in the First Destination Survey. These metrics include the total success rate, standard employment, continuing education, without an outcome, and mean starting salary. Each of these metrics are defined and evaluated below according to five year trends for UCS.

Summary
In January 2014 the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) established standards for collecting and reporting first destination outcomes. University Career Services at UNC Chapel Hill utilized these standards when compiling data for the First Destination Survey for the graduating class of 2017. Data for this graduating class was compiled for all graduates over a period of six months after graduation which is the same benchmark for data collection by NACE.

It is important to note that some of the outcomes reported in this document are based on self-report data. The data reflect outcomes within six months of graduation for students graduating with a bachelor’s degree; therefore, the outcomes do not project the long-term career prospects of these graduates.

Citation: NACE definitions, standards, and averages taken from the NACE First Destinations for the College Class of 2014
**Total Success Rate**
The total success rate is the percentage of bachelor’s degree graduates who achieved a positive outcome (employment, self-employment, service/military, or continuing education) within six-month’s after graduation. The total success rate for UNC Chapel Hill for the class of May 2017 was 91.1%.

**Standard Employment Rate**
Based on the NACE standard, the standard employment rate includes full-time defined as being employed for 30 hours per week or more on a regular basis. The standard employment rate for UNC Chapel Hill for the class of May 2017 was 60.30%.
Continuing Education Rate
Based on the NACE standard, continuing education refers to students who are actively engaged in pursuing another degree completion or certificate that may be required for their profession, e.g., certified public accountant (CPA). The continuing education rate for UNC Chapel Hill for the class of May 2017 was 25.90%.

![Five Year Trends: Continuing Education](image)

Not Seeking/Taking Time Off/Other Outcomes
As defined by NACE, graduates who the institution knows have decided not to pursue any landing (employment, service, the military, or continuing education) in this period after graduation are to be designated as “not seeking.” The “not seeking” rate for UNC Chapel Hill for the class of May 2017 was 4.9%

![Five Year Trends: Not Seeking/Taking Time Off](image)
Still Seeking an Outcome
As defined by NACE, graduates who have not landed in any of the preceding categories and are known by the institution to be still pursuing a landing are identified as “still seeking an outcome”. They may be principally interested in obtaining employment (still seeking employment) or the primary goal may be to be admitted to a graduate or professional program (still seeking continuing education). The Still Seeking an Outcome rate for UNC-CH for the May 2017 class was 8.9%.

Average Starting Salary
NACE standards call for collecting starting salary for graduates who are employed on a full-time basis. For the national averages, NACE calculated overall salary by weighting the individual institutional averages and medians by the number of salaries or bonuses represented by an individual institution’s data. The average starting salary for UNC Chapel Hill for the class of May 2017 was $57,050
May 2017 First Destination Report Summary

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<td>3,755</td>
<td>Total number of students who earned a bachelor’s degree in May 2017</td>
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<td>2,351</td>
<td>Total number of known outcomes (compiled from student surveys, employer feedback, departmental reports, and social media outlets)</td>
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<td>62.6%</td>
<td>Total knowledge rate of graduate outcomes</td>
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<td>60.3%</td>
<td>Employed in related field</td>
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<td>25.9%</td>
<td>Pursuing further education</td>
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<td>4.9%</td>
<td>Not seeking employment/taking time off/working part time/other outcomes</td>
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<td>8.9%</td>
<td>Still seeking employment</td>
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<td>91.1%</td>
<td>Overall success rate for UNC-CH undergraduate Class of May 2017</td>
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Employers Who Hired the Most 2017 Graduates

Corporate

Non-profit

Employer Engagement Activities Fall 2016-Spring 2017

- 253 organizations participated in on-campus recruiting
- 4238 on-campus interviews were conducted for fulltime job and internship opportunities
- 198 employers held information sessions
- 612 organizations attended a career fair
Graduate Programs that Admitted the Most 2017 Graduates
Appalachian State, Boston University, Campbell, Columbia, Duke, ECU, Emory, George Washington, Georgetown, Johns Hopkins, MIT, NC State, UNC-CH, U of Michigan, UNC-G, U of Pennsylvania, UT-Austin, UVA, Wake Forest, Yale

**Historical Outcome Data**

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<th>Graduation Year</th>
<th>Response Rate</th>
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<td>5.6%</td>
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Geographical Outcomes for the Class of 2017

83% of entering first-year UNC-CH students are from the state of North Carolina. 9% of respondents did not specify a location.
The University Career Services Employer Advisory Board consists of recruiting professionals and managers from organizations who consistently hire the most UNC-CH students. The Board meets twice a year (February and June) to provide insight, direction, and feedback on a variety of recruiting-related issues.

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Bank of America
Blue Cross/Blue Shield of NC
Deloitte
E&J Gallo Winery
EY
General Electric
Goldman Sachs
The Hershey Company
Huron Consulting
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Newell Rubbermaid
Oracle
United States Peace Corp
PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP
RR Donnelley
Red Ventures
Target Stores
Teach For America
UNC Healthcare
Wells Fargo