

Parent FAQ

Where do Wheaton Grad's typically find jobs?

The beauty of a liberal arts education is that there really is no "typical" placement. Our graduates are successful doctors, lawyers, professors, publishers, teachers, pastors, evangelists, authors, senators, as well as community leaders, parents and volunteers.

What percentages of seniors get accepted into grad school?

Graduation survey data shows that about 25% of our seniors go onto grad programs immediately after graduating from Wheaton. Continuing survey data shows that about 40% of our graduates attend graduate programs within 5 years of graduation. The national average is 9% overall.

What percentages of seniors are employed after graduation?

Graduation survey data shows that in a typical economy between 24-28% of our seniors have jobs secured prior to graduation. Within 1-year of graduation, however, surveys indicate that there is only 2% unemployment for our grads. Within 5-years of graduating, there is less than 1% of unemployment.

Interpreting this data, in a non-recession economy, it takes an average 6-8 months to find entry level employment. Our seniors tend to start their job search during Spring Semester when graduation is looming finality. If they actively start their search in February, fast forward to eight months is September! Hence the steep drop in the 1-year numbers! An early search discipline will reap employment rewards

When do companies start to recruit college grads?

The college recruiting cycle begins in August and ends in early April. Recruiters tend to fill hiring "classes" that start their training in June. Remember, we're talking entry level. Even in small organizations, employers want to snag the best and the brightest, they know that the early recruiter gets the best recruit!

Does Wheaton have connections into organization and corporations?

Of course. Career Services works actively with Alumni Relations to establish and nurture strong connections. On the other hand, as I tell your students, contacts are not a short cut from the hard work of job searching.

Career Service's mission is to equip you students to find their calling: not merely to find a job. According to the Bureau of Labor, this generation will have between 10-14 jobs by the time they are 38! If they don't master the "how-to's" then they will be unable to effectively make a positive impact for Christ and His Kingdom!

Does Wheaton have on-campus interviews?

Absolutely. We have between 12-15 on-campus interviews per year, and that number has been consistently growing since 2004. Just as effectively, we have direct connections with hiring alumna and human resource personnel in many companies to whom we can funnel résumés and more importantly, they consider Wheaton a recruiting pipeline.

What companies have recruited on-campus in the past 5 years?

Kimberly-Clark, PriceWaterhouse, Chase Bank, Outreach Community, Allstate, Zurich Insurance, Federated Insurance, Tyndale Publishing, McKinsey, CIA, Red Cross, State Department, Teach for America, Peace Corp are just a sample of our active recruiters

Career Services seems to favor the corporate sector, is that true?

Actually that's both true and false. The hiring realities are that larger corporations do most of the entry level hiring. They actually have programs for training recent grads, as such they are more actively searching for college pipelines to fulfill their needs.

Smaller organization and non-profits don't have training programs. They tend to hire more experienced graduates. If you need verification, just check out the majority of the non-profit jobs on Idealist.org. Smaller organizations also don't tend to recruit on-campus, but post to our website when they have openings. If you look at our job postings, you will note that most of the organizations that post are smaller organizations and non-profits! On the other hand, Career Services annually sponsors a Seminary and Grad School Fair, as well as a Non-Profit Job Fair.