**University of Redlands**

**What Happens After The Diploma?**

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What happens to students who successfully complete an undergraduate degree at the University of Redlands? How many graduates continue their education? What graduate schools are commonly chosen? What degrees do they pursue? This report provides answers to some of these questions, and hopes to generate more discussion about what happens after the diploma.

By submitting a query to the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC), I obtained subsequent enrollment information for students receiving undergraduate degrees from the College of Arts & Sciences and the School of Business from 2003-2004 through 2011-2012. The National Student Clearinghouse tracks subsequent enrollment only for U.S. institutions. Thus, students studying abroad can’t be reported.

Table 1 provides an overview of the University of Redlands’ results from the NSC data. Overall, 50.0% of College of Arts & Sciences graduates have subsequently enrolled in some type of higher education after graduating from the College. For School of Business graduates, the percentage is 35.1%.

**Table 1 Subsequent Higher Education Enrollment**



***For most of the graduating cohorts, the time needed to complete a PhD has not yet passed, so we do anticipate this number to increase.***

One way to look at subsequent enrollment data is in the way surveys including US News & World Reports, the College Board, and the Princeton Review ask for information. These commercial surveys generally ask the questions in two parts:

1. How many students pursue a graduate degree within 1 year of graduation?
2. How many students pursue a graduate degree within 5 years of graduation?

Over the past several years, we’ve answered these survey questions using estimates based on a combination of anecdotal and alumni survey data. We’ve responded that 30% of College students pursue a graduate degree within 1 year of graduation and 50% pursue a graduate degree within 5 years. The estimates we’ve been using are remarkably close to the actual statistics. See Table 2 for the timeframe for subsequent enrollment.

**Table 2 Subsequent Enrollment by Year**



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| ***\*Includes the Within 1 Year Graduates*** |
| ***\*\*Includes the Within 1 and 5 Year Graduates.***  |
| ***Note that the Within 5 Years and More than 5 Years numbers may increase as students not yet at 5 years post-U of R subsequently enroll.***  |

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**College of Arts & Sciences**

For a more in-depth analysis of the College of Arts & Sciences Graduates, I disaggregated those students pursuing certificates or teaching credentials (577) from those students receiving a Master’s degree or higher (1839). See Graph 1 for the breakout for the College.

**Graph 1 Subsequent Enrollment for College of Arts & Sciences**

The University of Redlands is overwhelmingly the school of choice if a graduate chooses to pursue a teaching credential. Of the 262 students who have completed their post-undergraduate teaching credential, 261 did so at the University of Redlands. An additional 81 College graduates have enrolled or are currently enrolled in our School of Education credential program.

For those seeking at least a Master’s degree, Table 3 below lists the schools where at least 10 graduates subsequently enrolled over the past 10 years. In the table California State and University of California schools are listed separately. Combined, California State schools account for 115 enrollees (6%) and University of California schools account for 69 enrollees (4%).

**Table 3 Graduate Schools chosen by College Graduates**



Graph 2 lists the degrees awarded for those graduates who have received a subsequent degree.

**Graph 2 Degrees Completed by Percentage**

**School of Business**

As with the College graduates, I looked at a breakout of degrees for the School of Business graduates. See Graph 3 for the breakout of the School of Business.

**Graph 3 Subsequent Enrollment for the School of Business**

As with the College graduates, the University of Redlands is the overwhelming top choice for School of Business undergraduates who choose to continue on with their education. Graph 4 lists the schools chosen by at least 5 School of Business graduates. Note that on this list there are some community colleges. Graduates attending these schools are most likely receiving a non-degree certificate or are enrolled in other continuing education courses.

**Graph 4 Graduate Schools chosen by School of Business Graduates**



Finally, Table 6 lists the degrees received by School of Business graduates. As you would expect for students graduating with an undergraduate degree in business, half choose to pursue an MBA.

**Table 6 Degrees Completed by Percentage**

**Conclusion**

The data we’ve received from the National Student Clearinghouse gives valuable insight into what happens after an undergraduate receives a diploma from the University of Redlands. Confirming our anecdotal information, graduates are choosing to pursue higher education in a wide variety of fields in high numbers. Most interestingly, a large majority of undergraduates chose to purse their education at the University of Redlands. In addition to this summary, detailed graduate data is being distributed at the academic department level as part of the program review data provided by Institutional Research.