

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Post-Graduation Activity 2015–16

89% of undergraduates and **91%** of graduate degree recipients were **actively engaged**.

	Undergraduate degrees		Graduate degrees	
	count	percent	count	percent
Actively Engaged	25	89%	21	91%
Employed full time	24	86%	20	87%
Employed part time	0	0%	1	4%
Continuing education	1	4%	0	0%
Not Actively Engaged	3	11%	2	9%
Unemployed and seeking employment	2	7%	1	4%
Not immediately seeking employment	1	4%	1	4%

Full-time Employment

- Median salary for undergraduates was **\$35,000 to \$40,000** (based on 23 responses).
- Median salary for graduate students was **\$40,000 to \$45,000** (based on 17 responses).
- 83% were located in Michigan.
- 97% indicated their job was **related to their degree**.
- 94% were **satisfied** with their job.

About the Data

Graduating students were asked to provide their information through the WMU Post-Graduation Activity Survey within three months of their date of graduation. Some additional data was obtained from students' public professional profiles.

Degree recipients	Post-graduation data was obtained for	
	Graduates	Responses
69	51 graduates (74%)	
Bachelor's	36	28 (78%)
Master's	33	23 (70%)

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Sample Job Titles and Employers

3rd Grade Teacher at Schoolcraft Upper Elementary
Educator at Kalamazoo RESA
Elementary Resource Room Teacher (Special Ed) at
Sturgis Public Schools
Faculty Specialist I at Western Michigan University
Head Counselor at The Fowler Center
High School Special Education Teacher at Charles
County Public Schools
Intern Teacher at Gull Lake Community Schools
K-3 Self-Contained Special Education Teacher at
Trailside Point Elementary School
K-8 Resource Room Teacher at Avondale
Elementary School District
Kindergarten Teacher at Mattawan Consolidated
Schools
Long Term Substitute Teacher at Kalamazoo Public
Schools
Math Interventionist at Gull Lake Community
Schools

Orientation and Mobility Specialist for Children at
Kalamazoo RESA
Principal at St. Joseph County ISD
Special Education Teacher at Anchorage Alaska
School District
Special Education Teacher at Battle Creek Public
Schools
Special Education Teacher at Kalamazoo Public
Schools
Special Education Teacher at Kalamazoo RESA
Substitute Teacher at EDUStaff
Substitute Teacher at PESG
Teacher at Lewis Cass ISD
Teacher at Ohio Virtual Academy
Teacher Consultant for the Visually Impaired at
Allegan Area Educational Service Agency
Title 1 Interventionist at J.A. Lanigan Elementary
School
Vision Itinerant at Pittsburgh Public Schools